

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**March 23, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on March 23, 2022 via zoom.

**Those in attendance were:**

CSD	Tori Manzi*, Bob Duke, Marcus Mrowka	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Loren Andrews, Bill Pearce, Joe Steinberger	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Seth Hall, Matthew Speno, Randy Kassa	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	( 7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas	(24.58)
St. George		(54.68)

Bobby Deetjen, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr.; Scott Browning, Asst Director; Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.; Danica Wooster, Instructor; J Bakley, Instructor, Sue Stewart

**Absent** – Alane Kennedy, Quixada Moore-Vissing, Diego Gutierrez

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:01 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 691.74**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ADJUSTMENTS** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular February 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 691.74**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Absent</b>
<b>Hall(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Absent</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Abs</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Absent</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

**Approval of 2022-23 Calendar**

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the 2022-23 Calendar as presented

Tori asked how many student and faculty days are on this calendar.

Motion approved

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<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

## Board Review of Policy IHDCA

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to approve Policy IHDCA

[Thomas joined via zoom at 7:03 PM]

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 716.32**

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<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Yes</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

## Board Approval of Kayak Trip

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the Outdoor Leadership Program's Kayak Trip

Motion approved

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<b>Kennedy(54.68): Absent</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Abs</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Absent</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
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## Board Approval of Wealth Management Plan

Matt Speno explained the letter he sent out to the board recommending that the First National Wealth Management (FNWM) Program invest the board's reserve funds. The committee felt the First's proposal would best meet our investment needs.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Hall, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation of choosing the First National Wealth Management for investing the reserve fund

Danny asked about the fee structure. Seth asked if the second presentation by the First National Bank was any different and if the rate is negotiable with FNWM. Matt advised FNWM had just one presentation to the board.

Motion approved

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### FINANCE

#### Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for February and March and the February 28<sup>th</sup> financial report.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Jackson, to accept and approve the warrants for February and March and the budget report for February.

Motion approved

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**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Seth reported the committee met and their guest presenter was unable to attend. The committee discussed informally the progress made by the State and other organizations on the rapid evolvement of career and technical education.

**CHAIR UPDATE**

No report.

**DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Bobby reported that Yvonne Thomas, our Adult Education program and several other partners are working on a marine engine program. One of the partners is located in Biddeford and there is a possibility of an overnight trip around May 20<sup>th</sup> to visit a boatyard in Biddeford.

MOTION by White, seconded by Pearce, to approve a potential Marine Technology field trip in May

Joe felt that the board approving field trips makes no sense and would like a discussion next month. Tori advised that only overnight and out of state trips need board approval per our policy. Bob will put this item on next month’s agenda.

Motion approved

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Our students traveled to Bangor to participate in the statewide SkillsUSA competition. The students did very well and the staff are very proud of their effort. We will have students attending the National competition in Atlanta. Student applications and interviews are ongoing. Kristy has been visiting all three mainland schools over the past three weeks interviewing students. She has been able to visit with students face to face. Scott reported more than 55 students have been shadowing in our programs and we expect many more. We have over 100 more applications than we did last year at this time. [Mrowka joined meeting 7:25 PM via Zoom.] Matt asked about students’ options in taking academic classes at Mid-Coast. Seth asked about how many students slots are available in house. Kristy explained there are 372 slots at Mid-Coast and that doesn’t include the CTE Exploratory, island programs or Cooperative Education (all located in sending schools). Seth expressed concern about the program limits in the current facility. Bobby advised that the CTE Exploratory programs help fill that gap for younger students

who apply. Bobby praised our new Admin Secretary, Lynda Gundlach, who has joined our team and is doing a great job. Educate Maine, a consulting group, has another work group that Bobby will be joining to tackle the issues surrounding Career and Tech Ed. Perkins funds have increased 3.4% for next year. The St. George Building Committee has now raised over \$600,000 towards their new CTE building built. Commissioner Makin visited our school last month and she expressed how impressed she was with our students during their discussion about our school.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Next Board Meeting: April 27, 2022

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Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary