

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING  
April 27, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on April 27, 2022.

**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, Quixada Moore-Vissing	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Seth Hall, Matthew Speno	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	( 7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas*	(24.58)
St. George	Alane Kennedy	(54.68)

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

\*In attendance via Zoom

**Absent** – Randy Kassa, Diego Gutierrez

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 840.55**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Russ Beauchemin from Rockland spoke to the Board about law enforcement in the region and his career in the field.

**ADJUSTMENTS** – Bob added a short presentation from Matt Speno about an Ad Hoc Special Education Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular March 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 762.73**

<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): Absent</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Abstain</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Yes</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

**Board Approval of Administrative Secretary Compensation**

Bobby explained he is recommending a 5.9% increase in the Administrative Secretary’s hourly rate for FY23.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to approve the rate increase as recommended

Motion approved

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<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes</b>

<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Yes</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

**Board Approval of Teacher Continuing and Probationary Contracts**

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to approve the teacher continuing and probationary contracts as presented

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

**Board Approval of SkillsUSA Trip**

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Manzi, to approve the SkillsUSA Trip to Atlanta, GA

Motion approved  
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**Board Discussion of Field Trip Approval**

Bobby advised that Joe had asked this item be placed on the board agenda for this meeting. Joe felt that the board did not need to approve field trips as our policy outlines and that administration can make these decisions. Bobby felt the 30-day timeline for in-state field trips can often be constraining when trips come up unexpectedly. He felt that a two-week timeline was more reasonable.

MOTION by Steinberger, seconded by Hall, to move the policy to the Policy Committee for review

Motion approved  
**Total weighted votes: 684.84**

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<b>Hall(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): No</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Absent</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): No</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
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**Special Education Ad Hoc Committee**

Matt spoke to the Board about presenting a mission and vision for a Special Ed Ad Hoc committee that could include input from our sending schools and their Special Education staff.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

### Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for March and April and the March 31<sup>st</sup> financial report. Food Services may need extra funds to balance by year end. Matt discussed making a recommendation to the full board for transferring funds from undesignated to the debt reserve.

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

Motion approved

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### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Seth reported the committee met with their guest presenter, Dave Socoby, and had a great conversation about Region 2's law enforcement program. Bobby advised there needs to be a board conversation about the logistics of having a program located in our building as we have little space versus having a satellite program. We would have to go through the survey process to see if there is student interest in the region. After that process, an application would need to go to the Department of Education for a new program. Bob felt there is a significant need in the community for this program. Seth will continue the conversation at the next Curriculum Committee meeting. Loren asked about the basics of starting a program including space, cost and personnel needs.

### POLICY COMMITTEE

Bill outlined the process for modifying the Cooperative Agreement.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Speno, to approve first reading of Policy DFA – Revenues from Investments (Revised)

Danny asked about the Finance Committee's opinion. Matt stated the committee agreed with the changes.

Motion approved

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### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tori advised there are several job descriptions for board approval. Danny made several suggested minor changes to the job descriptions.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to approve the job descriptions with minor changes

Motion approved

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**CHAIR UPDATE**

Bob advised the board needs to fill out the Director’s evaluation form. He will send out to board members tomorrow and asked that all board members complete and return to him within a couple of weeks. Tori explained the three-year evaluation process to the board.

**DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Bobby reported that the SkillsUSA students have met their fundraising goal for their trip to Atlanta in June. Students have begun their training for the competition. The St George CTE building is moving forward. Bobby and Mike Felton, St. George Superintendent, have done an EduTalk with a number of donors. The State of Maine CTE Working Group are putting together a series of recommendations to the State Board of Education including scheduling issues, special education, recruitment challenges and the funding formula that doesn’t always address regional challenges. The supplemental budget has \$3.2 million set aside for CTE schools to address supplies and equipment costs. Kristy and he will attend the ACTE conference next week in Michigan. Bobby is working with two professors from UMF around inclusive maker spaces around the state of Maine. The MACTE Student of the Year banquet is this coming Saturday in Lewiston. Our local recipient is Elias Libby from Camden Hills Regional High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Next Board Meeting: May 25, 2022

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Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary