

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
May 25, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on May 25, 2022.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke	(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, Randy Kassa	(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, Isaac Edmondson, Sue Stewart

*In attendance via Zoom

Absent – Marcus Mrowka, Diego Gutierrez

Public Hearing on Budget began at 6:46 PM and ended at 6:48 PM

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 848.82**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS –

MOTION by Andrews, seconded by Jackson, to add an Executive Session to the agenda pursuant to Section 405(6)(a) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes for discussion of compensation of a group of employees

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 848.82

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to approve the minutes of the regular April 27th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 848.82

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

BOARD APPROVAL OF REVISED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve the revisions to the Cooperative Agreement

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 848.82

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

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT CHANGES TO FIELD TRIP POLICY

The Policy Committee met and reviewed the policy. The committee voted 2 to 1 against making changes to the policy. The committee decided to send to the board to discuss changes proposed by administration to the policy. Jerry suggested a slight language change to clarify in-state versus out of state approvals. Joe felt the wording of the policy makes field trip approval easier for the administrators.

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Manzi, to approve the policy as first reading with the suggested changes

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 615.22

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gutierrez(69.62): Absent
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): No	Kassa(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	Pearce(77.82): No	Speno(77.89): No
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

BOARD DISCUSSION OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Bobby advised that the last two years of school have been difficult for the teaching staff. He is asking that the last day of school be changed from June 24 to June 22 in recognition of the staff. This will reduce the school year by two days for teachers.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Speno, to move the last day of school to June 22

Seth asked how this would affect the last days of the school year. Quixada asked if this would be an issue for students who receive free lunch or breakfast. Bobby advised the last student day is June 17. Danny asked if the school calendar needs to be amended as well.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gutierrez(69.62): Absent
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): No	Kassa(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Pearce, to amend the 2021-22 school calendar to move the end date to June 22

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 848.82

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

BOARD APPROVAL OF DISHWASHER REPLACEMENT

The dishwasher in the kitchen has had issues for over a year. We have been in contact with the manufacturer and company that sold the dishwasher to us. Neither of them is backing their product. The kitchen staff has had to use disposable containers and wash dishes by hand. Matt advised the Finance Committee discussed this issue and is recommending up to \$25,000 to replace the dishwasher.

MOTION by White, seconded by Kassa, to approve the expenditure of up to \$25,000 to replace the dishwasher in the Kitchen/Food Services Program from the Equipment Reserve fund

Seth asked if the dishwasher would be a Hobart. Bill asked if there would be any supply issue getting the dishwasher. Joe asked about the cost estimates for the dishwasher.

Motion approved

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

DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

Matt spoke to the Board about developing a special ed program at MCST. He reported over 18% of students attending MCST currently have an IEP. He feels students are falling through the cracks and that teachers need training to assist students. Currently the region has to rely on our sending schools to assist with special education. Matt would like to develop a plan for our region over the next seven months. Quixada expressed her support for the committee and the need to help students have educational success at Mid-Coast. Matt reported that Special Ed educators from the region are in favor of creating this model.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Hall, to create an Ad Hoc Special Education Committee

Danny asked if a student has an IEP at the sending school, would they have a separate IEP at MCST. Bobby advised the student would have one IEP. The position would work with the sending schools and assist in writing IEP's. Joe expressed concern about the stigma of labeling students as "special ed."

Motion approved

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Manzi, pursuant to Section 405(6)(a) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the Director's evaluation and compensation and compensation of a group of employees

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 848.82

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

Enter: 7:40 PM

Exit: 8:52 PM

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Jackson, to approve an increase in the Director's salary by 3% and extend the Director's current contract by one year

Motion approved

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for May and the April 30th financial report.

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

Motion approved

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

MOTION by Speno, seconded by White, to transfer \$150,000 from undesignated fund balance to the Debt Reserve Fund

Motion approved

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

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Seth reported the committee met and discussed the presentation last month given by a criminal justice program. Bobby will be inviting other Directors of different criminal justice programs to give presentations to the committee.

POLICY COMMITTEE

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

Motion approved

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

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of Policy KBD – Public’s Right to Know/Freedom of Access

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 848.82

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

CHAIR UPDATE

None

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby recognized Nic LaBreck for his assistance in organizing a visit from the Air National Guard. The students were able to talk to an emergency response unit, see drones in action and interact with members of the Guard. David Grima from the Department of Labor assisted in organizing a small business fair at the same time. Kristy Hastings reported that Lyman Morse was looking for a student intern and selected one of our students. Tomorrow night is the Student Recognition night at Owls Head Transportation Museum (in person). The Governor’s recommended \$3.2 million CTE appropriation was reduced by half in committee. Students are currently taking their assessments and earning many certifications. Our CNA students all earned their CNA certificates. The SkillsUSA students leave June 20th for the national competition.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Next Board Meeting: June 22, 2022

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary