

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**August 24, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on August 24, 2022.

**Those in attendance were:**

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Marcus Mrowka, Lori Perez	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Quixada Moore-Vissing, Bill Pearce, Joseph Steinberger	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson*, Matthew Speno	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	( 7.49)
SAD 8		(24.58)
St. George	Alane Kennedy	(54.68)

Bobby Deetjen, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr.; Scott Browning, Asst Director; Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.; Danny Hupp, Teacher

\*Attended via Zoom

**Absent** – Loren Andrews, Yvonne Thomas, Randy Kassa, Seth Hall

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

1. Chair, Bob Duke, began the reorganization meeting at 6:00 P.M.

**Total weighted votes: 652.06**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): Abs</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

2. *Nomination and Election of the Board Chair*

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by White, to nominate Bob Duke as Board Chair

Action: Bob Duke elected Chair

**Total weighted votes: 652.06**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): Abs</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

3. *Nomination and Election of the Vice-Chair*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Manzi, to nominate Matt Speno as Vice-Chair

Action: Matt Speno elected Vice-Chair

**Total weighted votes: 652.06**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): Abs</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

4. *Nomination of Board Secretary*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to nominate Bobby Deetjen as Secretary

Action: Bobby Deetjen elected as Secretary

**Total weighted votes: 652.06**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): Abs</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

5. *Nomination and Election of the Chair of Finance Committee*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to nominate Matt Speno as Chair of Finance Committee

Action: Matt Speno elected Chair of Finance Committee

**Total weighted votes: 652.06**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): Abs</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

6. *Reorganization of Committees – Appointments*

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Speno, to maintain committees with same assignments

[Steinberger arrived 6:06 PM]

Action: Committee assignments to remain the same

**Total weighted votes: 729.88**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): 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>

7. *Designation of Depositories*

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to continue to use the banking services of the First National Bank

Action: Motion Passed

**Total weighted votes: 729.88**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</b>
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<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>Perez(69.62): 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>

8. *Designation of Legal Counsel*

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to continue to retain the services of Drummond Woodsum for legal counsel

Joe felt we should have our own attorneys and there is a conflict of interest because they (DWM) represent Maine School Management and the Superintendents as well. Jerry felt that the firm represents schools statewide and do a very good job. Matt feels that there is a lot of institutional memory within the law firm and they do the research that school boards need to function well.

Action: Motion Passed

**Total weighted votes: 652.06**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): No</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

9. *Designation of Insurance Agent*

MOTION by White, seconded by Mrowka, to designate Maine School Management Association as Insurance Agent

Action: Motion Passed

**Total weighted votes: 729.88**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): 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>

10. *Adjournment*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Speno, to adjourn the Reorganization meeting

Action: Motion Passed

**Total weighted votes: 729.88**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): 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>

The reorganization meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:19 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 729.88**

Bob introduced our newest board member, Lori Perez, who represents Five Town CSD.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**ADJUSTMENTS – None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular June 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 660.26**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): Abstain</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>

**SUMMER HIRING UPDATE**

Bobby reported two of our teachers resigned over the summer. We hired Steve Watts as our Baking & Pastry teacher and and Jenna Blakey as our School to Career Coordinator at MVHS. Ellery Chalmers has been hired as our Ed Tech II. Today we interviewed another candidate for another Ed Tech II vacancy. Bobby is very pleased with our new staff members' qualifications.

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT REGIONAL RESULTS**

Bobby reported the Cooperative Agreement has been approved by all our regional school boards.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

**Warrants and Budget**

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for June, July and August and the June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> financial reports. There was a good return on our wealth management fund last month.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Mrowka, to accept and approve the warrants for June, July and August and budget reports for June and July.

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 729.88**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</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>Perez(69.62): 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>

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Speno, to approve first reading of Policy BEDA – Bylaws (Revised)

Joe asked for an explanation of why the Bylaws need to be changed. Bill explained the meeting time (7:00 PM) is in the Bylaws so the committee is recommending a language change. Danny advised that there is also a change in the language for adjusting the agenda without a board vote.

Motion approved

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<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>Perez(69.62): 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>

**CHAIR UPDATE**

Bob asked for an update from Matt on the Special Ed Advisory Committee. Matt is planning their first meeting in September. Alane asked who is on the committee. Membership includes Janet Corcoran, Kristy Hastings, Bobby Deetjen, Danica Wooster, Karen Brackett, Angela Robinson, Quixada Moore-Vissing and possibly some interested parents and industry partners.

**DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Bobby reported that he has been given information on the Governor’s supplemental budget which includes supplies money for CTE schools. We will be receiving approximately \$92,000 for the coming school year. We will also be receiving our usual funds from the Perkins grant and the CTE Improvements grant.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Next Board Meeting: September 28, 2022

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Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary