

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
September 28, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on September 28, 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, Loren Andrews	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Matthew Speno, Seth Hall, Randy Kassa	(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 & Sue Stewart, Teachers; Heidi Nolan, Adult Ed Director

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Joe Steinberger, Yvonne Thomas

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:02 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 885.66**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Add Clarification of MSMA Responsibilities – Danny Jackson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular August 24th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 807.77

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

SMALL ENGINES PROGRAM REVIEW

Danny Hupp shared some Small Engine/Diesel program pictures with the board that he has compiled over the past few years. His philosophy is that students learn a strong foundation of basic skills. Danny thanked the Administration and Board for support of the program. His program operates under EETC (Equipment & Engine Training Council) certification standards. The program is now a Yamaha University site which is an industry level certification for our students. Danny shared a number of pictures which showed a diversity of various projects the students tackle in his program. Bob and Loren both complimented Danny on his passion and energy for his program.

ADULT ED PROGRAM UPDATE

Heidi Nolan introduced herself and shared a picture of the school taken by one of her Adult Education students, Joe Corrado. Last year Adult Ed offered 38 courses in vocational and workforce training serving almost 200 adult students. There was a total of 137 training certificates earned by students that included 54 in welding, 19 in machining, 27 in small business (Quickbooks and Excel), 14 CRMA

(Certified Residential Medication Aide) and 18 in CNA. Heidi is hoping for more growth in the CNA program due to more grant opportunities available for students this year. Enrichment course offerings totaled 82 classes serving 431 adult learners this past year. During the summer of 2021, we offered 13 classes and ran 8 of those offered. Heidi discussed the Hub-7 partnership in the mid-coast and how Adult Ed programming is divided statewide into hubs. Other partner programs include Workforce Solutions/Goodwill, Pen Bay Apprentice Program, KVCC and UMA. Heidi's vision includes expanding community connections, expanding the Hub-7 collaborative and partnering with community colleges. Quixada asked about MCST students continuing their community college education in the region instead of commuting to a community college program.

STIPEND POSITION NOMINATIONS

Bobby clarified that the stipend amounts for the Skills USA stipends are slightly different than the memo sent to the board.

MOTION by White , seconded by Jackson, to approve the stipend position nominations as adjusted

Motion approved

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

MSMA CLARIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Danny advised the board that he contacted Steve Bailey, Executive Director of MSMA and MSBA. The Director of MSMA is hired by MSMA's Action and Policy Committees combined. The Action Committee is comprised of five Superintendents from MSSA (3 appointed/2 elected by Executive Comm.) and the Policy Committee is comprised of five School Board members of MSBA's Executive Committee. The Chair of the Policy Committee is President of MSBA's Board. The President of MSBA, President-Elect of MSBA, and three other elected Directors of MSBA make up the Policy Committee. Jointly, these two committees make up the governing board that hires the MSMA Executive Director.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for August and September and the August 31st financial report. Bob discussed the fact that we have not yet had our annual audit and the issue of schools being audited in a timely manner seems to be a growing problem statewide.

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

Motion approved

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

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

Motion approved

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

Bill advised the Board that the Policy Committee is meeting on October 4th at 6:00 PM.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Seth reported that Nick Gannon, Director of Capital Area Technical Center, presented to the committee information about a Law Enforcement Program at his school in Augusta. The committee has had ongoing conversations about potential new programming at MCST and law enforcement is one area of interest being explored.

AD HOC SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Matt Speno discussed the first committee meeting that occurred earlier this week. The committee is breaking into three sub-groups to develop a framework to address special populations. Also, the committee discussed support for leadership. Bob asked Matt to share the names and titles of the committee members with the Board.

CHAIR UPDATE

No update.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

We have had a good start to the school year. Our teachers took on multiple student shadows last year and this has better prepared our new students for their program this year. We are seeing fewer students leaving the school in the first few weeks and fewer students switching programs. The annual Auto Show occurred this past Sunday and over sixty cars and bikes were on site. A number of former students attended and received t-shirts sponsored by our MELMAC Program Grant. Next Friday, CTE teachers statewide will gather in Lewiston in Tech Update groups. This is the first in person meeting in three years as the last two years have been held virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Next Board Meeting: October 26, 2022

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary