

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on November 16, 2022.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Marcus Mrowka*, Lori Perez*	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joe Steinberger	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno, Seth Hall, Danny Jackson	(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.; JC Bakley, Teacher

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Alane Kennedy, Loren Andrews, Randy Kassa, Quixada Moore-Vissing

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:04 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 675.27**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular October 26th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 597.38

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, pursuant to Section 405(6)(d) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss labor contract pursuant to upcoming negotiations

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 675.27

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

Enter: 6:07 PM
Exit: 6:34 PM

[Thomas arrived 6:10 PM via Zoom]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for November and the October 31st financial report.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by White, to accept and approve the warrants for November and the budget report for October.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 699.85

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Hall, to approve second reading of Policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (Revised), Policy ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students (Revised), Policy ACAA-R – Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (Revised), Policy ACAB – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees (Revised), Policy ACAB-R – Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (Revised), Policy EFD – School Meal Payment and Collection (Revised), Policy GBN – Family and Medical Leave (Revised), Policy GCFB – Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff (Revised)

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 699.85

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

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Seth reported that he contacted Julie Kenney at Bath Technical Center and made arrangements to visit the center. He arranged a visit to the Cosmetology Program with several committee members. The group was able to tour the entire school. There were several issues raised about being able to start a cosmetology program at Mid-Coast. The committee discussed the possibility of apprenticeship programs for students in lieu of new programming.

AD HOC SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Matt Speno advised the committee will need to continue meeting for several more months. They are at a point where they need to survey each sending school. Bobby, Quixada and Matt are creating the survey to send out in December. The committee will continue to meet and report out in February.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Jackson, to extend the committee's end date by two months

Seth asked about the financial implications of the committee's plans. Bob asked why Special Education funds are not available for students enrolled in CTE programs. Bobby advised the EPS model does not include special education funds. All the CTE Directors in Maine have asked the DOE to include special education in the funding model. [Mrowka left the meeting at 6:52 PM.]

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 630.23

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

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Seth reported the committee met and discussed the solar array, production and performance, and correlation with our electric bill. The reporting of performance with our array has been fixed and Craig Hatch gets notified when there are issues with the solar array. Seth discussed the reporting hardware/software and advised that Sundog Solar has the hardware needed for reporting out. He discussed the demand charges, the rate structure and net metering. Seth asked the board to purchase and install the hardware and software for monitoring purposes.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported that Kristy Hastings created some great fliers for the career and college night (handed out to the board) coming up on December 8. Middle school students will be able to participate in an Amazing Race that evening. Industry representatives will be in attendance as well. Nominations and selection of Student(s) of the Month were held recently. Staff visited the Owls Head Transportation Museum today to see their expansion. St. George is building a CTE building for K to 8 students. Every grade level will have curriculum components. The first quarter ended this past week.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Next Board Meeting: December 14, 2022

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary