

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
December 18, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on December 18, 2019.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Bob Duke, Tori Manzi, Andrea Palise	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro	John Gorham	(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joanne Richards	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno, Rick Butler, Danny Jackson	(77.89/ea)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas	(24.58)
St. George		(54.68)

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Bobby Deetjen, Asst Director;

Absent – Alane Kennedy, Brooks Crane, Gerald Weinand, Loren Andrews, Seth Hall

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:02 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 572.55**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Add approval of Program Changes after 5.A.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Butler, to approve the minutes of the regular November 20th meeting

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 572.55

LAVALLEE BRENSINGER ARCHITECTS REQUEST FOR CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Beth explained that our contract time has expired and we need to continue our architect services. The board reviewed the proposed amendments.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Richards, to approve the LBA Contract rates of \$225.00 per hour for Ron Lamarre and \$188.00 per hour for Joe Britton plus reimburseable expenses

Danny asked if the 2019 contract rate would extend into 2020. The board agreed that these services are necessary until the building project is finalized.

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 572.55

PROGRAM CHANGES

Beth explained that our new EPS formula is based on three years of program enrollments. The Pre-Engineering program is below that threshold and the plan is to go to a half time position next year. Bobby explained the expansion of Intro to Applied Technology (Exploratory) will make this program brighter in the future. Also, the CTE program on North Haven will most likely be discontinued next year. The current enrollment is two students and not sustainable under the current funding model. [A. Palise arrived 7:14 pm.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, pursuant to Section 405(6)(C) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the status of the construction project

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 642.17

Enter: 7:15 PM
Exit: 7:27 PM

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to authorize our attorney to negotiate a tolling agreement with respect to ELCO's claim

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 642.17

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and signed the warrants for November and December. Bob advised he doesn't have the warrant totals and the vote will need to be tabled until next month.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Bill advised the same policies are up for second reading as amended last month.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Richards, second readings of Policies ACAA, ACAA-R, ACAB, ACAB-R, ACAD, ADC, ADC-R, JICK, and JM

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 642.17

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Tori was elected chair of the Committee. They met and hope to begin negotiations in early February.

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry attended the Maine Small Schools Coalition fall meeting in Orono. The commissioner was in attendance and Jerry discussed CTE grant money deadlines. He also talked to a State Board of Education member about this same topic. Jerry reported the Carl Perkins funding increased five million dollars nation-wide. REAP funding stayed level.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth reported she has been extremely busy this past month. On January 29th, the Maine Development Foundation is bringing a group of legislators to visit our school and see how our programming relates to higher education. She advised the Bridge Year organization would like to come and present to the board in January. The Bridge Year program is proposing that college level classes be taught to high school students in our facility. The program is also interested in transmitting classes out to other CTE schools. Eastern Maine Community College has been working with United Technology Center in Bangor with six students in the current school year. Bobby explained the program to the board and how it might work at our school. Danny asked if the Principals had been approached about this proposal. Tori asked that our sending school Administrators and Principals be invited to attend this meeting. Matt asked about how advising occurs with these students. Andrea asked if Guidance Counselors could also be invited. The Skills open house was very successful. The School-to-Career coordinators conducted outreach to middle school students who were also in attendance at the event. Beth is holding a Superintendent's

Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow and they will continue the discussion about the Exploratory Programming in each sending high school. Bobby has already met with Medomak Valley HS administrators about the program and will meet after the holiday with both Oceanside HS and Camden Hills Regional HS administrators. The statewide Skills USA competition will be held March 20th in Bangor. Danny thanked Beth for taking the time to conduct a tour of the school for the RSU 40 board members last month.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Board Meeting: January 22, 2020

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary