

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING (via Zoom)
June 24, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on June 24, 2020.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joanne Richards, Gerald Weinand, Loren Andrews	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno, Danny Jackson, Seth Hall	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas	(24.58)
St. George	Alane Kennedy	(54.68)

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Bobby Deetjen, Asst Director; Danica Wooster, Teacher; Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.; Jonmikel Pardo, Technology Director

Absent – Brooks Crane, John Gorham

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 693.11**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Add nominations for Pre-Engineering Teacher and School-to-Career Coordinator/Teacher positions. Add discussion of summer meeting schedule.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the minutes of the regular May 27th meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 615.29

Andrews(77.82): Abstain	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Manzi, to approve the minutes of the special June 3rd meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 512.75

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Abstain	Jackson(77.89): Abstain
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Abstain
Weinand(77.82): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

[Weinand arrived 7:08 PM]

OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST – BOSTON PORTFOLIO TRIP

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Pearce, to approve the Boston Portfolio trip

Bobby explained the two day Boston trip generally occurs the first or second week of October. This year, we will have to wait and see if the event will even be scheduled.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to move that the vote entitled “Resolution to Authorize Issuance of a \$1,000,000 Revenue Anticipation Note,” be approved in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR FOR SUMMER HIRING OF NEW STAFF

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the Director to hire summer staff

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

NOMINATION OF PRE-ENGINEERING INSTRUCTOR

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the nomination of Justin Willis as Pre-Engineering Instructor

Bobby explained we wish to hire Justin as half-time Pre-Engineering and half-time CTE Exploratory at CHRHS. Beth explained Justin has been student teaching this past semester at John Bapst High School. Danny asked about the part-time position at Camden Hills. Bobby reported that he will be part-time at Camden due to lower enrollments.

Motion approved

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

NOMINATION OF SCHOOL-TO-CAREER COORDINATOR/TEACHER – MVHS

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the nomination of Nicholas LaBreck as School-to-Career Coordinator/Teacher at MVHS

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

CONSTRUCTION FUNDS – ACCOUNT STATUS

Sherry advised the board that the construction account has been drawn down to zero. She asked the board where they would like any future construction expenses be paid from. Seth asked where we are with the ELCO situation. Beth advised there will be a hearing before a judge in the coming months.

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Duke, to approve the use of the Building/Equipment Reserve account for future construction expenses limited to engineering and legal fees

Motion approved

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

FOOD SERVICES BUDGET – FUNDS TRANSFER

Sherry advised the board that the Food Services budget has a revenue shortage due to the lack of subsidy and student participation since mid-March. We have continued to pay our food service workers due to the Governor’s executive order. A transfer of \$40,000 from the General Fund budget will cover those costs since March.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the transfer of \$40,000 from the general fund to cover food services

Bill Pearce asked if we are receiving any funds from the federal government due to the COVID-19 crisis. Sherry advised the funds are dispersed based on the Title I formula. Since we do not get Title I funds, we do not receive any funding from the government.

Motion approved

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Sherry discussed the outstanding student lunch account balances. Seth asked if we have to wipe the accounts clean before July 1. Alane asked what we have done in the past. Bob asked Bobby to discuss how we can get the free/reduced applications turned in earlier. Bobby reported that he and Kristy Hastings plan to creatively use MELMAC funds to incentivize students to get their forms turned in. He also talked about setting up an Angel Fund for students who can't pay for lunches.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Absent*
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

*Duke stepped away for a few moments during the vote

Enter: 7:47 PM

Exit: 8:14 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for June and the May 30th financial report. He reviewed the financial report with the board.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for June.

Motion approved

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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POLICY COMMITTEE

Bill advised there are six policies for second reading: Policies ADF – Commitment to Learning Results and Standards, BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics, BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest, BEDF – Voting Methods, BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings and BIA – New Board Member Orientation

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve the second reading of policies ADF, BCA, BCB, BEDF, BEDH and BIA

Gerald mentioned Policy BEDF requires each board member to vote Yes or No in roll call voting.

Motion approved unanimously

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Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
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Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of Policies AD – Educational Philosophy/Mission(Revised), BA – Region 8 Goals & Objectives (Delete), BBBB – Cooperative Board Attendance (Revised), BBBE – Term of Office (Delete), BCC – Nepotism (Revised), BD – Organization of School Board (Revised), BDEA – Board Advisory Committees (Revised), BDG – School Attorney/Legal Service (Delete), BEA – School Board Use of Electronic Mail (Revised), BEC – Executive Sessions (Revised), BEC-R – Executive Session Law (Delete), BEDB – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (Revised), BEDG – Minutes (Revised), BIB – Board Member Development Opportunities (Revised) and JLCC – Communicable / Infectious Diseases (Revised)

Motion approved

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tori reported the job descriptions have been revised for all the stipend positions.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to approve revised job descriptions for NTHS Advisor, PLCSS Chair, PLCSS Member, SkillsUSA Advisor, Mentor, School Nurse and EMT as presented

Motion approved

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Gorham(11.94):	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
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SUMMER BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Sherry advised the board will need to meet in July to ratify the budget vote. Danny advised the Policy Committee will also need to meet in July as there are a number of required policies that need to be approved by the board in both first and second readings before August 14.

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry had his usual NREA board meetings this past month. He has been discussing with Susan Collins' office some education related policies. Jerry continues to be active on the local and national level.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth reported that she has enjoyed the privilege of serving as Director for the past twelve years. She informed the board that the summer hiring has gone well. Beth plans on meeting with Maine Health regarding regional CNA training. The Director of Waldo County Tech also plans to attend the meeting. Jerry wished Beth all the best in her future endeavors. Tori told Beth a gift and card are on the way to her by mail. Tori also thanked Joanne for her years of service on the Board and she can expect a gift and card as well. Beth thanked Joanne for all her help in getting the new school constructed.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM. Jackson/Hall (Unanimous)

Next Board Meeting: July 22, 2020

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary