

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING (via Zoom)
March 25, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on March 25, 2020.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Bob Duke*, Tori Manzi*, Brooks Crane*	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joanne Richards*, Gerald Weinand*	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno*, Danny Jackson*, Seth Hall, Rick Butler*	(77.89/ea)
SAD 7		(7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas*	(24.58)
St. George		(54.68)

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody*, Business Mgr., Bobby Deetjen*, Asst Director; Kristy Hastings, Teacher; Jonmikel Pardo, Computer Systems Mgr.

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Alane Kennedy, Jerry White, John Gorham, Loren Andrews

Vice-Chair Bob Duke opened the regular meeting at 7:02 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 778.45**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Item #5 – removed and Item #7 moved to end of meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Speno, to approve the minutes of the regular February 26th meeting

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 778.45

UPDATE ON FACILITIES

Beth reported the school is very clean and there are only a few things left on the punch list and warranty work. One significant concern is issues with leaking overhead doors. Ron Lamarre continues to work on resolving these issues. There is some electrical work that will need to be done after the construction has ended. Bob asked for an update on the solar project. Beth advised the transformer is coming from Central Maine Power. The roof work is almost complete. Sundog Solar has offered to pay half of changing out the transformer. Seth advised we may have to wait three or four months before the inter-connection setup is done by CMP.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for February and March. Bob reviewed the Accounts Payable warrants with the board. He discussed the February 28th financial report.

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

Seth asked about the construction budget. Sherry will prepare a full update for the next meeting.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 778.45

POLICY COMMITTEE

Bill advised there are two policies for first reading.

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Richards, to approve the first reading of policies JJIF – Concussions and Other Head Injuries and EDBA-R – Lockout/Tagout Procedure

Motion approved unanimously
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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tori advised the committee met and reviewed several job descriptions.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Jackson, to approve the revised Technology Director job description (formerly Computer Systems Manager) as amended

Brooks asked if the wording of the Job Goal could be changed. The wording was amended.

Motion approved unanimously
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Beth read to the board a memo to the Personnel Committee about paying hourly staff members, per the Governor's decree. Seth asked if there were any budget implications. Tori reported the committee worked on three job descriptions this evening. The Assistant Director/Student Services Coordinator, Curriculum, Assessment and Instructional Coordinator and Ed Tech II job descriptions have all been revised. There are also a number of upcoming teaching vacancies that we will be advertising: Carpentry, Marine Trades, Pre-Engineering, two Diversified Trades (Exploratory), plus an Ed Tech II and a Custodian.

CHAIR UPDATE

No report.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth reported that Bobby has been working with teachers on continuing their instruction with students remotely. A number of online courses have been made available to students. Teachers are using Google classroom and sending out packets of materials to students. Bobby advised that the first thing teachers had to find out is which students had internet access (or not). Teachers were quickly able to connect with their students and get the work to them in a variety of ways. One goal is to not overwhelm our students. Yvonne asked how many students did not have internet access. Bobby advised one or two students per program, on average. The Department of Education is working to get students internet access statewide. Seth asked how the practical component would be met and if students would not meet program guidelines. Beth thought the 175 day school year would be waived as well as the 350 hours per program. However, she doesn't know about minimum requirements being waived (such as the CNA clinical experience.) Beth has been meeting online with her fellow MACTE Directors discussing best practices around the state. Bobby discussed the online certifications that are available to students like I-Car (Auto Collision Program). Student engagement is also a focus of the instructors as well. The Board discussed potential funding for summer instruction from the Department of Education. Beth has been meeting regularly with area Superintendent's via zoom and her MACTE peers. Danny asked about the Middle School summer program. Beth advised the program is on hold for now. Rick asked if we can donate any of our medical supplies to the community. Beth advised we are collecting and donating some extra respirators and masks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Richards, pursuant to Section 405(6)(a) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the Director's contract

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 778.45

Enter: 7:45 PM

Exit: 8:10 PM

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Richards, to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Fisher with regrets with an end date of June 30, 2020 unless both parties agree to extend the term

Motion approved unanimously

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ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Next Board Meeting: April 29, 2020

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary