

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
January 25, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on January 25, 2023.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Marcus Mrowka, Lori Perez	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Loren Andrews, Quixada Moore-Vissing	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno, Seth Hall, Randy Kassa, 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.; J.C. Bakley & Sue Stewart, Teachers; Craig & Nicole Hatch

Note: Meeting held via Zoom

Absent – Alane Kennedy, Joe Steinberger

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 855.56**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Remove Special Education Advisory Committee report from agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve the minutes of the regular December 14th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 716.32

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

BOARD UPDATE ON WEALTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Sherry updated the board on the current market value of the investment fund. [Mrowka joined 6:02 PM] The fund has been performing well considering the state of the economy. Gary Stone, our FNWM Advisor, will be scheduled to come in and update the board in May or June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Employment [1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A)]

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, 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 non-negotiated staff and Director’s compensation

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 855.56

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes
Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Absent
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): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

Enter: 6:07 PM
Exit: 6:15 PM

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by White, to approve the a 6.1% COLA increases for staff not covered by the collective bargaining agreement for the 2023-24 budget

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 855.56

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes
Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Absent
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): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

The board has determined that a placeholder will be placed in the budget for the Director’s compensation. No action will be taken tonight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and discussed the financial report. No vote will be taken on the warrants as the committee was unable to sign them. Matt will introduce the warrants for a vote at our next meeting. He discussed the Dec. 31 financial report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve second reading of Policy ADC – Use and Possession of Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices (Revised), Policy ADC-R – Tobacco Use and Possession Administrative Procedure (Delete), Policy JL – Student Wellness (Revised) and Policy JM – Student Scholarships and Awards (Revised)

Motion approved
Total weighted votes: 777.74

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes
Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Absent
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): No	Mrowka(69.62): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Perez(69.62): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Steinberger(77.82): Absent	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Matt advised the committee met and reviewed the revised Adult Ed Director job description last month.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to approve the revised Adult Education Director job description

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 855.56

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes
Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Absent
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): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported this is the end of the first semester. There was a great meeting last week with St. George and the public about their new CTE building. The meeting was hosted at Mid-Coast and there was good attendance and conversation about talking to younger students about CTE. We presented with St. George at the Superintendent's Conclave. Educate Maine approached Mid-Coast about expanding apprenticeship programs. They would like to shift the conversation to more career paths. Kristy has been very busy with student tours of the 8th grade students in our region. We will be hosting larger schools in the coming weeks. Bobby would like to commend Dana Crane who has been substituting for our Outdoor Leadership instructor while on sabbatical. She has done a fantastic job over the past semester.

Quixada asked about the procedure for the second reading of policies. Danny advised the policies are sent out to the Board for first reading but don't get sent out again for second reading unless there is a change between the first and second reading. She was concerned about the language in the tobacco policy and was disappointed she didn't understand the protocols on second reading of policy. Tori explained the committee did discuss her concerns but decided to not recommend changes to the policy based on input from Administration. Quixada requested that her vote in favor of the policy be changed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to end the board meeting at 6:35 PM

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 855.56

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Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Absent
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): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

Next Board Meeting: February 15, 2023

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary