

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING February 15, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on February 15, 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*, Joe Steinberger	(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; Tom Vannah, Teacher and Zachary Hall, former student

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Quixada Moore-Vissing, Alane Kennedy

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:03 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 777.67**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Add Committee Reports to the agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to approve the minutes of the regular January 25th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 777.67

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Absent
Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kassa(77.89): Yes	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

AUTO TECH PROGRAM REVIEW

Tom Vannah, Auto Tech teacher, spoke to the board about his program. Tom has been an instructor at Mid-Coast for over 17 years. His program is heavily supported by a number of organizations and a great team of PAC (Program Advisory Committee) members. The program follows ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) standards and receives great support from the Maine Automobile Dealers Association. [Seth Hall arrived 6:10 PM] PAC members include Shepard Toyota/Dodge, Quirk, Copeland’s Garage and several other local companies. The course description is for students to learn light maintenance and repair in auto service. Currently, his two year program covers over 200 operational tasks. The career opportunities are endless and students can earn a number of certifications that include multiple ASE student level skills, SP2 (safety), articulation and dual enrollments through various community colleges and apprenticeship programs through local auto shops and dealers. Students also take a resume’ building class and learn interview skills. Lift training and safety is a newer course offering. Students use a web-based interactive electronic training course through Electude that catalogs each students’ progress. Students learn how to use a laptop to do most of their tasks in a real-world environment. Once students earn ASE certifications, those documents go directly into the student’s portfolio. Tom shared

photos of recent work being done by his students. Zachary Hall, former student and employee of Shepard's Toyota plus a student at Eastern Maine Community College, spoke to the board. He talked about his ASE certifications and how he was fully prepared for the real world due to his experiences in Mid-Coast's Auto Tech program. Tom applauded Zach's initiative and great attitude towards his own educational opportunities.

BOARD REVIEW OF POLICY BEA

Bobby discussed Policy BEA – Board Use of Email – and asked board members to review the policy. He reminded board members that sending out emails to fellow board members can result in conducting board business through email. Bob also advised that he can put items on the agenda for discussion at future board meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met to sign warrants and discussed the January financial report.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by White, to accept and approve the warrants for December, January and February.

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): 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 Hall advised the committee met and had a discussion about Bobby's recent experiences and conversations surrounding apprenticeship opportunities.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported that Kristy Hastings is in Hope tonight at a parent/student step up night. We are in full student visitation mode with over 400 8th graders coming in for tours. Applications went live two weeks ago and we already have over two hundred applications. Our School to Career Coordinators are working hard with students who are applying and setting up for student shadows (starting in March) for programs here. Danny asked how the Exploratory Program is progressing. Bobby advised all three programs have been visiting regularly. Bobby reported that we had two burst pipes in the kitchen during the freezing cold weather. We are currently exploring why the pipes froze in that wall. Fortunately, there are floor drains in the kitchen that helped control the flood. Bobby applauded the Maintenance staff for their work during this crisis. Students are currently prepping for the Skills USA competitions in Bangor. March 28th is the return of the Osprey Nest Café with a "reservation only" system being implemented. Loren thanked the staff for all their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Next Board Meeting: March 22, 2023

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary