

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**May 24, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on May 24, 2023.

**Those in attendance were:**

CSD	Bob Duke, Marcus Mrowka, Tori Manzi	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Loren Andrews, Joe Steinberger	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	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; Seth Walton, Teacher; Gary Stone, FNWM; Nicole Janczura, FNWM

\*Attended via Zoom

**Absent –** Matt Speno, Quixada Moore-Vissing, Alane Kennedy, Lori Perez

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:04 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 708.05**

**PUBLIC COMMENT –** None

**ADJUSTMENTS –** Add “Action on Executive Session” after the Executive Session

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular April 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting

**Total weighted votes: 683.47**

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

**SABBATTICAL PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

Seth Walton discussed his half year sabbatical from June, 2022 to January, 2023. During his sabbatical, he visited five countries, four territories and spent 95 days at sea. Seth completed his AB Seaman license, spent 24 hours in a frozen challenge in January, earned his 100 ton master’s license among other things. He attended a week-long mosses course at the Eagle Hill Institute in Steuben. Seth also attended an AMGA Single Pitch instructor course in Acadia. Countries he visited included Norway, France and Italy. Seth shared his many amazing experiences during his time away with the board.

**FIRST NATIONAL WEALTH MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Gary Stone attended the meeting and is pleased that the school’s portfolio has a return of about 4% as of the end of April. Gary felt that the investment account was set up at a good time and after most of the market drops had occurred (first half of 2022). Dollar cost averaging ensured that our portfolio was not fully invested until about September. This methodology worked out well for our invested funds. Recent market analysis is positive and the fed is probably close to the end of their cycle of rate hikes. Fixed income is positioned to do well into next year. Gary felt that the fed may look to lower rates in

2024. He explained bond funds and the role they play in the portfolio. Gary may consider looking at brokered certificates of deposit because they have a very favorable rate of return (5%).

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

MOTION by Hall, 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 Director's evaluation and compensation

Motion approved unanimously  
**Total weighted votes: 708.05**

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<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kennedy(54.68): Absent</b>
<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Abs</b>	<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>
<b>Pearce(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Perez(69.62): Absent</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Absent</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Yes</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

Enter: 7:07 PM  
 Exit: 7:20 PM

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Steinburger, to increase the Director's salary to \$125,000

Motion approved  
**Total weighted votes: 708.05**

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

**TEACHER NOMINATIONS FOR CONTINUING AND PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS**

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to approve the teacher nominations as presented

Motion approved  
**Total weighted votes: 708.05**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

**Warrants and Budget**

Jerry reported the committee met to sign warrants and discussed the April financial report.

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to accept and approve the warrants for April and May.

Motion approved

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<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kennedy(54.68): Absent</b>
<b>Manzi(69.61): Absent</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Abs</b>	<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>
<b>Pearce(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Perez(69.62): Absent</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Absent</b>
<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Yes</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Bill reported the committee met and reviewed a number of policies.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve the Cooperative Agreement and Admission Standards

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 708.05**

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

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve first reading of Policy DN – School Property Disposition (Revised), EDDB – Lockout/Tagout Program (combined policy), EDC – Authorized Use of School-Owned Software and Materials (Delete), GBGAA – Bloodborne Pathogens and Exposure Control Plan (Revised), IJOC – School Volunteers (Revised)

Motion approved

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

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Hall, to approve first reading of Policy IJJ – Selection of Educational Materials (Revised)

Danny commented that Five Town CSD board does approve their textbooks – he clarified a comment from the last board meeting.

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 630.16**

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

## **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Marcus reported the committee has not yet met.

## **DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Bobby reported Noah Rousseau was nominated as MCST's MACTE student of the year and attended the annual banquet held in Lewiston. Noah also received a scholarship at the event. Bobby discussed all of Noah's accomplishments. We hosted the Start Summit at the school (sponsored by the Roux Institute) on April 29. Tomorrow night is our Student Recognition Night at the Owls Head Transportation Museum. We have over \$40,000 in scholarships to award to our students. Bobby discussed the idea of raising funds to purchase a boat for the school and a teaching tool for the Marine Trades program. All the CNA students passed their exams and received their certification.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Next Board Meeting: June 28, 2023

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Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary