

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
June 28, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on June 28, 2023.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Marcus Mrowka, Tori Manzi, Lori Perez	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Loren Andrews*, Quixada Moore-Vissing*	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Seth Hall, Randy Kassa, Danny Jackson, Matt Speno	(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.; Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.; J Bakley, Teacher, Pat Pearce, Community Member

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Bob Duke, Alane Kennedy, Joe Steinberger

Matt Speno, Vice-Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 785.94**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Add Executive Session pursuant to Section 405(6)(d) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Hall, pursuant to Section 405(6)(d) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board add an executive session to the agenda to discuss labor contract negotiations with the Region 8 Employees Association

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 785.94

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Absent	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): Absen	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Kassa, to approve the minutes of the regular May 24th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 536.03

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

PLCSS UPDATE

J Bakley discussed a report he presented to the board. The committee’s goal is to assist teachers and staff with recertification. Nine teachers and two administrators were recommended to the Department of Education for recertification pending completion of coursework and/or contact hours. The committee also worked on reviewing some changes to the PLCSS policy and recommended additional changes. Another goal of the committee during the past year was to review the mentor guidelines. Future projects include creating an informational packet for new staff to be used as a guide toward certification.

BOARD APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM VOTING RESULTS

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the budget referendum results

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 785.94

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Absent	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): Abs	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

BOARD APPROVAL OF 2023-24 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the 2023-24 Meeting Schedule with November 29th as the November meeting date

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 785.94

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Absent	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): Abs	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR FOR SUMMER HIRING

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Mrowka, to approve the Director for hiring over the summer

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 708.05

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes
Jackson(77.89): Abstain	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): Abs
Steinberger(77.82): Abs	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

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

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Mrowka, pursuant to Section 405(6)(D) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss labor contract negotiations with the Region 8 Employees Association

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 785.94

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Absent	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: 6:18 PM

Exit: 6:28 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

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

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

Motion approved

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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): Abs	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve second reading of Policy DN – School Property Disposition (Revised), EDDB – Lockout/Tagout Program (combined policy), GBGAA – Bloodborne Pathogens and Exposure Control Plan (Revised), IJJ – Selection of Educational Materials (Revised) IJOC – School Volunteers (Revised)

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 785.94

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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): Abs	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of Policy EDDB-R – Lockout/Tagout Procedures (Delete), BEDB – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (Revised), BEDG – Minutes (Revised), GCF – Professional Staff Hiring (Revised), JICJ – Student Personal Electronic Device Usage (Revised) and JLCC – Communicable/Infectious Diseases (Revised)

Quixada asked about Policy JICJ – student personal device usage – and the use of cell phones at the teacher’s discretion. It’s her understanding that students with an IEP or 504 plan can be allowed to use their cell phone for learning. She wondered if an additional sentence needs to be added to allow this for students with an IEP or 504 plan. Bobby advised that teachers must follow IEP’s per law so that

language isn't necessarily needed. However, a sentence could be added by second reading for the Board to review/approve.

Motion approved

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Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Abs	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): Abs	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Marcus reported the committee met briefly after last month's board meeting. Several months ago, there was conversation around a minimal investment on equipment to monitor our solar array. The hope is to install that system soon. Seth has had a conversation with Sundog Solar about the installation of the technology.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported the students finished classes on June 16 and teachers finished up yesterday. We have hired two custodians to fill our vacancies. We had a wonderful student celebration at the Owls Head Transportation Museum. We also recognized some of our second year students who are not graduating (and also not returning). We gave out over \$40,000 in student scholarships. Seth asked what the student scholarships are used for and Bobby advised that most are for post-secondary tuition and tools. Bobby reported our Skills USA students had a very successful trip to Atlanta. Bobby also reported that Kristy has gathered some data that students earned 434 different certifications, worked with 76 different businesses and students earned 237 college credits. We had a great school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Next Board Meeting: August 23, 2023

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary