

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
August 23, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on August 23, 2023.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Bob Duke, Tori Manzi	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Loren Andrews*, Bill Pearce, Joseph Steinberger	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson*, Matthew Speno, Joshua Blackman	(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.

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Marcus Mrowka, Lori Perez, Quixada Moore-Vissing, Seth Hall

REORGANIZATION MEETING

1. Chair, Bob Duke, began the reorganization meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Total weighted votes: 613.85

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

2. *Nomination and Election of the Board Chair*

MOTION by White, seconded by Manzi, to nominate Bob Duke as Board Chair

Action: Bob Duke elected Chair

Total weighted votes: 535.96

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

3. *Nomination and Election of the Vice-Chair*

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to nominate Matt Speno as Vice-Chair

Action: Matt Speno elected Vice-Chair

Total weighted votes: 638.43

Thomas entered meeting at 6:03 PM

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

4. *Nomination of Board Secretary*

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by White, to nominate Bobby Deetjen as Secretary

Action: Bobby Deetjen elected as Secretary

Total weighted votes: 638.43

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

5. *Nomination and Election of the Chair of Finance Committee*

MOTION by White, seconded by Manzi, to nominate Matt Speno as Chair of Finance Committee

Action: Matt Speno elected Chair of Finance Committee

Total weighted votes: 638.43

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

6. *Reorganization of Committees – Appointments*

Committee assignments will be appointed at the September board meeting.

7. *Designation of Depositories*

MOTION by White, seconded by Pearce, to continue to use the banking services of the First National Bank

Action: Motion Passed

Total weighted votes: 560.54

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

8. *Designation of Legal Counsel*

MOTION by White, seconded by Speno, to continue to retain the services of Drummond Woodsum for legal counsel

Joe felt Drummond Woodsum represents the bureaucracy and not the school which is a conflict of interest.

Action: Motion Passed

Total weighted votes: 482.72

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

9. Designation of Insurance Agent

MOTION by White, seconded by Manzi, to designate Maine School Management Association as Insurance Agent

Action: Motion Passed

Total weighted votes: 482.72

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

10. Adjournment

MOTION by White, seconded by White, to adjourn the Reorganization meeting

Action: Motion Passed

Total weighted votes: 638.43

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

The reorganization meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:13 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 638.43**

Bob introduced Joshua Blackman, newest board member from RSU #40.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – The Facilities Committee did not meet so there will be no report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by White, seconded by Speno, to approve the minutes of the regular June 28th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 482.72

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

SUMMER HIRING UPDATE

Bobby reported we had a resignation of our Math teacher. We recruited a new math teacher and hired him on Monday. We also hired an Educational Technician (school wide) as well. We are looking for a Lunch Monitor, a daytime Custodian and a clinical assistant for our CNA Program. Adult Education is looking for a TIG welding teacher.

USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Bobby discussed the City of Rockland’s request for an easement at the rear of the school to extend the Harbor Trail. The Facilities Committee will be discussing this issue next month and reporting back to the Board. Danny asked if the school attorney has been consulted. Bobby will talk to the attorney if the Board decides to pursue the easement. Joe supports the idea of an easement. Matt advised that student safety has always been top priority.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for July and August and the June 30th and July 31st financial reports.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by White, to accept and approve the warrants for July and August and budget reports for June and July.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 560.54

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve second reading of Policies BEDB – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (Revised), BEDG – Minutes (Revised) GCF – Professional Staff Hiring (Revised), JICJ – Student Personal Electronic Device Usage (2nd Revision) and JLCC – Communicable/Infectious Diseases (Revised)

Motion approved

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Hall(77.89): Absent	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Moore-Vissing(77.82): Abs	Mrowka(69.62): Absent	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Perez (69.62): Absent	Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): No

Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	
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MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve first reading of Policy IHBEA – Programs for English Learners (New)

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 482.72

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

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported next Wednesday, all staff will be returning. Students start on September 6th. Kristy and Scott have been busy updating students on their status. We had waitlists on some programs and Kristy has been filling those slots as students’ schedules change. Monday we met with Eastern Maine Community College (EMCC) and United Technical Center to review how teacher certification courses are offered in Maine. The only school connected to CTE is EMCC. We are working on finding a more supportive and less difficult way of attaining CTE teacher certification.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Next Board Meeting: September 27, 2023

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary