

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
September 27, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on September 27, 2023.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Bob Duke, Tori Manzi, Amelia Grant, Marcus Mrowka*	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Loren Andrews*, Bill Pearce, Quixada Moore-Vissing, Joe Steinberger	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson*, Matthew Speno, Joshua Blackman, Seth Hall	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8		(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, Teacher; Sue Stewart, Teacher

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Yvonne Thomas

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 908.8**

Bob introduced Amelia Grant, newest board member from Five Town CSD.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Add report from Tori Manzi on Negotiations update – Executive Session

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, pursuant to Section 405(6)(D) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board add an executive session to discuss negotiations

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 830.98

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular August 23rd board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 753.09

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

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Bob nominated the following board members to committees:

Finance: Speno, White, Grant, Pearce
Personnel: Manzi, Moore-Vissing, Speno, St George rep
Policy: Pearce, Manzi, Jackson, Blackman
Facilities: Mrowka, Hall, Speno, Grant
Curriculum: Hall, Andrews, Thomas, Blackman
Adult Ed: Jackson, Steinberger

BOARD APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP

Bobby discussed the field trip to Body Worlds in Boston, Massachusetts. A group of CNA students from both MCST and Bath Regional CTE will be attending the day-long trip.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the field trip to Body Worlds in Boston, MA

Motion approved

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Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Mrowka(69.62): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

STIPEND POSITION NOMINATIONS

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to approve the stipend position nominations as presented

Motion approved

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Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Mrowka(69.62): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

BOARD NOMINATION TO MSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to nominate Matt Speno as delegate to the MSBA Delegate Assembly

Motion approved

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Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Mrowka(69.62): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

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

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

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 908.8

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

Enter: 6:13 PM

Exit: 6:27 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for September and the August 31st financial report.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by White, to accept and approve the warrants for September and financial report for August.

Motion approved

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Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Mrowka(69.62): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve second reading of Policy IHBEA – Programs for English Learners (New)

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 830.98

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Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Mrowka(69.62): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): No
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported the start of the year has gone very well. We have a great group of hardworking students. The time that Kristy and Scott put into student shadows and interviews has paid off. Kristy has begun the recruitment process for next year by attending an event at St. George. We are preparing for a student leadership conference. Students from all over the state will be coming here to discuss leadership skills and meet professionals. We received a grant to purchase vape detectors. Scott explained the reasons why he wrote the grant and the purpose of the detectors. We received funding through the Maine Cancer Foundation. The grant will provide vape detection in the school's restrooms. We have a restorative approach to dealing with students, per our policy, and work with each student individually to quit vaping. The vape detectors have been received and will be installed soon. On October 6th, we have our fall conference in Lewiston. All our teachers will meet with their peers from all the CTE schools in Maine. Monique Moreau, our CNA instructor, heard from a former student, Grace Van Buskirk, who is now in Vet Sciences at UMO and wanted to thank Monique.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Next Board Meeting: October 25, 2023

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary