

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING November 29, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on November 29, 2023.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Bob Duke, Tori Manzi	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Quixada Moore-Vissing	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno, Seth Hall, Joshua Blackman, 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.; Danica Wooster, Teacher; Jennifer Garrett, Alt St. George MSU Board Member

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Marcus Mrowka, Amelia Grant, Loren Andrews, Joe Steinberger

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 638.5**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – There will be no report of the Facilities Committee (they did not meet)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular October 25th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 458.21

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION CAPACITY AD HOC COMMITTEE

Matthew asked the board to reactivate the Ad Hoc committee to discuss ways to support the new special education teacher position to our partner schools during the budget process. The board discussed ways to explain the need to our partner schools during the budget hearings in the spring.

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Moore-Vissing, to reactivate the Special Education Ad Hoc Committee

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 560.61

Andrews(77.82): Absent	Blackman(77.89): Abst.	Duke(69.62): Yes
Grant(69.62): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for October and November and the October 31st financial report. The committee also discussed the solar array and will be reporting back to the Board on its operation.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Hall, to accept and approve the warrants for October and November and the financial report for October.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 638.5

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Manzi, to approve first reading of Policies BD – Organization of the School Board (Revised), BEDI – News Media Services (Delete), EDB – Maintenance and Control of Materials and Equipment Management Requirements (Delete), EEBB – Use of Private Vehicles for School Business (Revised), EHB – Records Management (Revised), and KDD – Media Relations (Delete)

Seth asked about the language in policy BD – adding the word “school” to the last paragraph. Quixada asked Bobby to clarify when staff would be transporting students in private vehicles. Seth asked about the usage of dash cams in vehicles and the language in the policy not always requiring a dash cam.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 638.5

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

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting cancelled.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby discussed the potential for emergency services programming through Region 8’s Adult Education program. Bob Duke has contacted fire chiefs, EMS and police chiefs in the region. Bob explained he is involved in the county government and all the emergency services in our region has staffing issues. His idea is to assist the agencies with job fairs and potential development of curriculum. Bobby reported we

are having PAC meetings tomorrow evening. The teachers meet with their Program Advisory Committees to discuss curriculum, equipment and many other topics. We are also holding a Career and College night on December 7th with over forty businesses signing up to attend. Our in-house SkillsUSA competition is coming up in December. Bobby went to Augusta on Monday to meet with the State Board Certification Committee and the potential of re-opening Chapter 115 regarding teacher certification and the issues CTE teachers are experiencing. Eileen King spoke on behalf of CTE teachers about the certification rules. Bobby explained the CTE courses that new teachers must take under the rules of Chapter 115.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Next Board Meeting: December 20, 2023

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary