

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING November 20, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on November 20, 2024.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi*, Bob Duke, Amelia Grant*	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Loren Andrews, Paul Coster	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Seth Hall, Matthew Speno, 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; Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Quixada Moore-Vissing, Chris Polky, Taylor Pohlman

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 630.16**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular October 23rd board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 605.58

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Coster (77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Absent
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Abs	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Pohlman (69.62): Absent	Polky(77.89): Absent	Speno(77.89): Yes
Thomas(24.58): Abstain	White(7.49): Yes	

BOARD DISCUSSION OF MISSION & VISION

Bob advised the Mission and Vision work has been sidetracked for several years. Bobby looked back at the notes from several years ago. Most of the work is still relevant today. He would like to see the Mission rewritten as a school community that includes board members, teachers, students and staff. Bob asked for two board volunteers. Yvonne Thomas and Matt Speno offered to serve on the committee. Bobby would like to meet in the next month or so and have a Mission Statement ready by the January board meeting.

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Speno, to approve reactivating the Mission and Vision Committee

Seth asked if the Board would be able to comment on the Mission statement prior to board approval. Loren asked to add early student engagement as part of the statement.

Motion approved

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Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Absent
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Abs	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Pohlman (69.62): Absent	Polky(77.89): Absent	Speno(77.89): Yes
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.

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

Motion approved

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve second reading of Policies BCA – Board Member Conflict of Interest (Revised), BED – Remote Participation in School Board Meetings (Revised), DKC – Expense Authorization and Reimbursement (Revised), GCSA-R – Employee Digital Device and Internet Use Rules (Revised) and IJNDB-R – Student Digital Device and Internet Use and Safety Rules (Revised)

Motion approved

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

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Seth Hall reported the committee discussed an expanded mission on addressing technological education and how to integrate into the community. This discussion is part of the need for representation in our area of a community college and post-secondary education. There may be federal funding opportunities. The Curriculum Committee plans to meet again on December 2nd to invite guests for a broader conversation. Bob mentioned he had reached out to the First Responder community and they are also interested in being part of a discussion.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported he is meeting with Patrick Polky on Nov. 26th. Kristy Hastings has started meeting with students to begin next year's student recruitment. Her first visit with students was at Camden Hills

Regional HS. [Jackson arrived 6:18 PM.] Bobby advised the Department of Education has awarded MCST \$125,000 in a federal grant. The application is due by December 1st and must include specific requests. The Pen Bay Chamber met here to deliver their State of the Economy address. The Culinary and Baking students did a great job serving the Chamber and their guests. Amanda Rector, Maine State Economist, and Patrick Woodcock, President of the Maine Chamber of Commerce, were the guest speakers. PAC meetings were held on November 7th. About 90 were in attendance that evening. PAC's are comprised of community, business and former students in various industries. Adult Education is adding a dental assisting program which will be starting soon. A former MCST student is developing the curriculum and will be teaching the program. This will be the first in-person program in the state. Bobby's MACTE group toured BIW's training facility in Brunswick recently. He will be looking to coordinate students touring the facility and career pathways that BIW represents. Sixteen students visited UMO for a tour of the nursing program. They also visited EMCC's nursing program. The students continued on to University of Maine at Fort Kent and visited that nursing program the next day. The Outdoor Leadership program visited Washington County Community College and camped at the school overnight.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Next Board Meeting: December 18, 2024

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary