

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
November 19, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on November 19, 2025.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Amelia Grant, Taylor Pohlman	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Paul Coster*, Nick Keeney, Loren Andrews*	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Seth Hall, Julie Swindler*, 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., Scott Browning, Asst Director

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Mike Felton

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 933.38**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular October 24th board meeting

Amelia asked that the language from the October student enrollment report language be changed from “dual” enrollment to “concurrent” enrollment. Danny questioned the motion made on the staff stipends at last month’s board meeting. He asked that we table the minutes until the December meeting. Taylor asked if we can vote on the correct stipends this evening. The original motion to approve the minutes was rescinded and we will consult with Drummond Woodsum on the legality of the second motion.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to table accepting the October minutes until the December meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 933.38

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Coster (77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Felton (54.68): Absent	Grant (69.62): Yes	Hall (77.89): Yes
Jackson (77.89): Yes	Keeney (77.82): Yes	Manzi (69.61): Yes
Pearce (77.82): Yes	Pohlman (69.62): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Swindler(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Pohlman, to approve payment of the cocurricular stipends to employees on the first payroll in December

Motion approved

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Felton (54.68): Absent	Grant (69.62): Yes	Hall (77.89): Yes
Jackson (77.89): Yes	Keeney (77.82): Yes	Manzi (69.61): Yes
Pearce (77.82): Yes	Pohlman (69.62): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Swindler(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

The committee met and reviewed the warrants for October and November and the October 31st financial report.

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

Motion approved

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Felton (54.68): Absent	Grant (69.62): Yes	Hall (77.89): Yes
Jackson (77.89): Yes	Keeney (77.82): Yes	Manzi (69.61): Yes
Pearce (77.82): Yes	Pohlman (69.62): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Swindler(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve second reading of Policies AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (Revised), ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students (Revised), ACAA-R – Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (Revised), ACAB – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees (Revised), BD – Organization of the School Board (Revised), BDE – Board Committees (Revised), GCFB – Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff (Revised)

Yvonne asked about Policy EFC and language adjustments. Bill removed Policy EFC – School Nutrition Services: Free School Meals for All Students (New) from the second reading of policies until language can be clarified with the Policy Committee.

Motion approved

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Jackson (77.89): Yes	Keeney (77.82): Yes	Manzi (69.61): Yes
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Swindler(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby informed the Board that the first quarter has ended. Application season starts in December. We have had a number of field trips recently. PAC meeting night was last Thursday evening. Our Food Services audit was completed yesterday with several minor adjustments recommended. We have a

possible candidate for our Entrepreneurship program. This will come to the Adult Ed/Personnel Committee soon. Bobby would like to have a Facilities Committee meeting to discuss the Rip Rap project. Paul asked about our integration with the Southern Maine Community College system. Bobby advised we are working on linking up our EMS program with their system. We have offered to host SMCC classes here at MCST and Bobby is meeting in early December with Matt Goodman to discuss. Danny asked for a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the K-8 CTE programming. Matt Speno will report to the board next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Next Board Meeting: December 17, 2025

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary