

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING  
May 27, 2026**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on May 27, 2026.

**Those in attendance were:**

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Taylor Pohlman, Amelia Grant	(69.62/ea.)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Loren Andrews*, Brad Choyt, Nick Keeney	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Seth Hall, Julie Swindler, Danny Jackson, Matthew Speno	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	( 7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas*	(24.58)
St. George		(54.68)

Bobby Deetjen, Director; Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord., J Bakley, Danica Wooster, Pat Pearce

\*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 –**

**ADJUSTMENTS –**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular April 29<sup>th</sup> board meeting

Matt Speno ask the minutes to reflect his letter to be “dear colleague” rather than resignation.

Motion approved

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**PLCSS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

J. Bakley gave an update on the status of the teaching certification process.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

**Warrants and Budget**

The committee met and reviewed the warrants for April and May and the April 30<sup>th</sup> financial report.

MOTION by White, seconded by Manzi, to accept and approve the warrants for April and May and the financial report for April.

Motion approved

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**POLICY COMMITTEE**

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of policies BEC – Executive Sessions (Revised), BEDF – Voting Methods (Revised), BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings (Revised), DN – School Property Disposition (Revised), EBCA – Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (Revised/Name Change), GBGAA – Bloodborne Pathogens and Exposure Control Plan (Revised), IJJ – Selection of Educational Materials (Revised) and IJOC – School Volunteers (Revised)

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MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve second reading of Policies AD – Educational Philosophy/Mission (Revised), ADA – The Cooperative Board’s Mission Statement (Revised/Renamed), ADF – Commitment to Learning Results and Standards (Revised), BBBD – Cooperative Board Attendance (Revised), BG – Policy Process (Revised), GBCC – Employee Use of Cell Phones (Revised), EBBD – Temperature Standards for Schools (New)

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

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Swindler, pursuant to Section 405(6)(D) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss labor negotiations

Motion approved

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Enter: 6:13 PM

Exit: 6:32 PM

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Hall, to accept the three year Negotiated Agreement as presented to the Board during Executive Session

Motion approved

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

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Swindler, pursuant to Section 405(6)(A) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the Director’s evaluation and compensation

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 933.38**

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[Swindler left during Exec Session]

Enter: 6:33 PM

Exit: 7:22 PM

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by White, to to set the Director’s salary at a 3% increase for 2026-27 and extend his contract one year beyond the current expiration

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 855.49**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Choyt (77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>
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**DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Bobby informed the Board that Kristy and students went to South School in Rockland and participated in the Future Forward Fair. Bobby attended the Advisory Board at Brunswick Landing which was a gathering of business leaders and organizations at SMCC. The car show is set for June 7<sup>th</sup> and is an annual fundraising event for SkillsUSA. Our SkillsUSA students are traveling to Atlanta and we will have an update for the Board in June.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

Next Board Meeting: June 24, 2026

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Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary