

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
October 25, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on October 25, 2017.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro	John Gorham	(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Loren Andrews, Kim Appleby	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Sara Andrews, Matthew Speno, Seth Hall	(77.89/ea)
SAD 7		(7.49)
SAD 8		(24.58)
St. George	Sherman Hoyt	(54.68)

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Brandon Soards, Design Tech Teacher

Absent – Joanne Richards, Peter Orne, Faith Vautour, Jerry White, Renee Jones

Vice-Chair Kim Appleby opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 750.87**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the September 27th, 2017 meeting

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 750.87

LOGO COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Brandon Soards discussed the re-branding of the new school with an updated logo. The revised logo will convey a new era has begun at MCST. The current logo is dated and most students don't identify well with the design. A contest was held last spring to allow students to help with the creation of a new logo. All students liked the idea of using the osprey as the school mascot. A former student, Melissa Berube, was assigned to assist in developing the logo based on the concept ideas from the contest. Brandon presented the new logo concept based on Melissa's designs. The board thought the design is wonderful and like the concept of re-branding the school as "Mid-Coast" instead of the old term of "voc." Brandon discussed the use of the osprey in the logo and keeping it as simple as possible. The question of school colors has not been settled on even though the logo has blue and white colors.

Brandon reported to the board on his student trip to Boston for National Portfolio Day. Students in a design discipline have to present a portfolio to get into a college program. Some of the students were able to present to more than one college, usually between two and five schools before the event ended. The students had a great time visiting the Musuem of Fine Arts as well as seeing some of the local markets and art stores. The students were invigorated by their experience and Brandon thanked the MELMAC Committee for funding the trip.

The board discussed the release of the new logo. Seth suggested placing this item on the November board meeting agenda. Brandon will plan to attend the meeting to continue the conversation.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Beth handed out the October Student Enrollment report. She explained how the program numbers are restricted by the number of work stations or by rules enacted by the DOE (for example, the CNA program is

limited by DHHS rule). One hundred forty-two students are taking academic classes at MCST in addition to their regular program. There are one hundred twenty-eight students enrolled in Cooperative Education at our sending schools. Beth explained that our student counts are higher than the Department of Education enrollment numbers. The DOE counts a student once even if they are enrolled in two programs. We have a number of students (post-grads and home schoolers) that may enroll in more than one program. The DOE also does not count the post-grads (19 and 20 year olds) in the student enrollments. MCST is serving some Middle School students as well (in island programs) that are not part of the counts. Sara asked about over-enrolled programs. Tori asked about adding programming in the new school since space has been allocated for potential courses. Beth felt the board may want to form a Programming Committee and also include Kennebec Valley Community College in the discussion. Seth inquired about the future of an aquaculture program. The board discussed some possible future programs including business classes and public safety. The Curriculum Committee will meet next month to begin discussions. Danny asked about the School-to-Career Coordinator positions and differences in enrollments between each school. [L. Andrews left at 7:50 PM]

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

Beth reported the last few weeks have been exciting as progress is being made. Tons of material have been trucked in to build up the building footprint. The forms have been put in for one corner of the building. They will hopefully begin pouring the footings later this week or early next week. Our Project Coordinator, Bruck, is giving us daily construction reports on the building and site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and signed the warrants for September and October.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Gorham, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for September and October

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 673.05

CHAIR UPDATE

Kim attended the groundbreaking ceremony and felt it was wonderful to see all the students present.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth reported on the Totally Trades workshop that was facilitated at MCST by New Ventures and local businesses. Eighth and ninth grade girls were invited from area schools. Approximately one hundred girls attended the event. All our programs were open for the girls to explore. Each program had hands-on projects for the girls. The local press did a great job covering the event. Beth has had several meetings with KVCC regarding a grant through the Department of Agriculture. They will be supporting five classes based on agriculture at MCST for college credits. Next year, we plan to roll out a College Math and College Tech Writing class. The following year, KVCC wants to add several more classes. We are working with the Academic Dean from KVCC on curriculum. Under discussion is increasing Medical Sciences programming as a partnership with KVCC. We are sending our Medical Sciences teacher to KV to meet with medical sciences staff. Beth and Bobby attended an Association of Career and Technical Educators (ACTE) conference in New Mexico. Beth discussed CIP codes (classification of instructional programming) that are assigned to each of our programs. She is going to have to re-classify several of our programs to accurately reflect our course offerings at MCST.

ADJOURNMENT

Kim declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM. Next Board Meeting: November 29, 2017

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary