

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
September 27, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on September 27, 2017.

Those in attendance were:

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

Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Peter Gallace, Curriculum Coord., Beth Fisher & Bobby Deetjen (via skype)

Absent – Seth Hall

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 897.53**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Manzi, to approve the minutes of the August 23rd, 2017 meeting

Motion approved with three abstention (Orne, S. Andrews, Hoyt)

Total weighted votes: 695.34

OUT OF STATE TRIP REQUEST

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Pearce, to approve the out-of-state trip request to Boston, MA on October 22-23, 2017

J. Bakley discussed a proposed MELMAC trip to Boston, MA for the National Portfolio Review. The Design Tech students will speak directly to art schools about improving their art portfolios. J will be taking students on several more out-of-state trips this year so will be back to request permission for those trips. He also discussed the trip students took this past spring to Lyndon State College (Vermont) and NHTI in New Hampshire. J did a quick review of trips being planned in coming months.

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 897.53

FY17 AUDIT REPORT

Fred Brewer was in attendance to discuss the FY17 Audit Report. He reviewed the revenues and expenses comparing FY17 to FY16. Fred advised the report includes an additional column for capital construction costs. We borrowed approximately \$1.3 million to begin the school construction project. The school's fund balance ended the year at \$832,112 which includes reserve accounts. Fred reviewed a Prior Year Summary handout with board members.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Richards, to approve the FY17 Audit Report

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 897.53

ROCKLAND CITY COUNCIL FEE WAIVER REQUEST UPDATE

Beth advised the Board that our architect has worked on prior projects where the building permit fees had been waived. They approached City Council to request a waiver and the issue became complicated. She determined that it was necessary to move forward so the fee was paid so we could get the permit issued. As of Monday, we have received our building permit.

STIPEND POSITION NOMINATIONS

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Manzi, to approve the stipend position nominations for 2017-18 as presented

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 897.53

BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Jerry reviewed the board committee appointments with board members. He asked board members about the status of the Ad Hoc Building Committee. Jerry felt the committee had fulfilled its purpose and board members agreed.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Jackson, to discontinue the Ad Hoc Building Committee

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 897.53

MOTION by Duke, seconded by Gorham, to nominate Joanne Richards as delegate to the Maine School Boards Conference Assembly

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 897.53

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Pete reported the committee met and signed the warrants for September.

MOTION by Orne, seconded by Jackson, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for September.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 897.53

Pete discussed the financial report ending August 31st. He spoke about the investment of the bond funds in CD's. The committee discussed moving the Salary Reserve fund monies into the Equipment Reserve fund. Also the committee talked about the potential of annual revenue funding coming directly from the State through the ED 279 format instead of the current method of assessing the full budget to the region.

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Richards, to approve second reading of Policies GCO – Evaluation of Represented Staff, IGA – Curriculum and IKA – Student Assessment/Grading Achievement

Sara asked about the amended language in Policy IGA and Danny explained the meaning of the wording.

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 897.53

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Kim advised the committee met and discussed a new textbook for the Vinalhaven Building Trades program. Kim explained the North Haven and Vinalhaven island programs will have new course offerings under a new diversified trades CIP code. The textbook is Small Engines and eight will be purchased for the Vinalhaven program.

MOTION by Appleby, seconded by Richards, that the board approve the Small Engine textbook for the Vinalhaven program

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 897.53

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry advised he will be at the Regional Education Lab in Cambridge, MA and unable to attend the School Board Conference this year.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth discussed an initiative with KVCC surrounding agricultural studies. There is grant money to employ a part-time Student Navigator. In year two of the program, students will gain credits in the Culinary Program through KVCC. Beth advised Peter Gallace is working on the curriculum aspect. Basically it is a two year \$150,000 grant that we are sharing with KVCC. Students can get up to 15 credits for classes with an agricultural theme. Beth gave the board an update on the building project. The firefighting building has been demolished. We receive daily reports from our Project Coordinator. Bobby reported that a student who placed third in the Louisville, KY Skills USA competition has been offered a scholarship at Virginia Tech for full tuition. The car show went well and the funds raised go to Skills USA. Beth reported the Logo Committee has met and we hope to have a design for the board to see at our next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Next Board Meeting: October 25, 2017

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary