

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
February 28, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on February 28, 2018.

Those in attendance were:

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

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Peter Gallace, Curriculum Coord., Bruck Wilder, Project Coordinator

Absent – Renee Jones, Seth Hall, Bob Duke

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:05 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 827.91**

Jerry introduced our newest board member, Gerald Weinand.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Vautour, to approve the minutes of the January 24th, 2018 meeting

Motion approved with one abstention (Weinand)

Total weighted votes: 750.09

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

Beth reported the steel is going up very fast and most of the footings and foundation is in. Bruck advised the final concrete work should be done in the next two weeks. Two truckloads of steel came in this week and most of the steel for Part B should be on site by next week. The site work is on hiatus due to the weather and work will begin again in the next two weeks. Utilities will be installed on the north side of the building to the street over April break. Bruck mentioned the parking lot will be torn up for the geothermal system this summer. In the meantime, steel work will continue through June. Gerald asked about using the geothermal system piping to melt the ice on walkways and driveways.

CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL AND VOTE

Beth reported that the first change order, in the amount of \$3,493, was authorized for some unsuitable soils work done in the carpentry shop area. Change order #2 is for site work changes in relationship to the changing of the Auto Tech and Auto Collision doors. Change order #4 is for the addition of exterior doors to both shops plus moving the driveway out away from the building for turning radius into the two shops. Bruck explained the various changes associated with the change orders including earth work and unsuitable soils during foundation excavation. Sarah asked for a total on all change orders to date and Sherry advised the total is \$193,245.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve Change Order 2 in the amount of \$54,546 (Unsuitable Soils, Sitework and Credit for Level Spreader)

Motion approved with one abstention (Weinand)

Total weighted votes: 750.09

Bruck explained change order #4 regarding the addition of the overhead doors and the amount of work involved. Jerry advised these changes were made because of recommendations by the local fire department. The project timeline has not been affected by these changes.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve Change Order 4 in the amount of \$78,139 (Auto Collision & Auto Tech Garage Doors)

Danny asked if there was any concerns about using the contingency. Beth and Jerry do not see any issue with using this much contingency at this point.

Motion approved with one abstention (Weinand)

Total weighted votes: 750.09

2018-19 FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL AND VOTE

Sherry presented the 2018-19 budget to the board. The state subsidy amount is projected at \$2,846,500 for FY19. Additionally, the debt payment amount is \$2.2 million. The budget increased 72% overall due to the bond payment. The Adult Ed budget is down due to the CDL program being placed on hiatus. The district assessment payment is \$2,480,296, a decrease of 21.3%. However, each of our sending schools no longer has a CTE subsidy line in their ED 279. The affect varies from school unit to school unit.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Pearce, to approve the FY19 Budget as presented

Motion approved with two abstentions (Jackson, Weinand)

Total weighted votes: 672.2

2018-19 DRAFT CALENDAR REVIEW

Jerry reviewed the calendar and advised we have synchronized our calendar with our sending schools as much as possible. Beth met several times with the Superintendent's Advisory Committee to discuss the calendar. The biggest challenge is early release days throughout the districts. We have agreed with area superintendents that students attend Region 8 on early release days. However, attendance tends to be down on those days. Now we have aligned a number of those days throughout the region. Tori felt a lot of these issues will go away once we have full day programming.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the 2018-19 Calendar as presented

Motion approved with one abstention (Weinand)

Total weighted votes: 750.09

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – REVISED

Beth advised the Cooperative Agreement needs to be in the hands of the board members for a month before voting on the changes. She explained the process of making those changes. Beth outlined the changes in Policy DA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Pete reported the committee met and signed the warrants for February. Pete reviewed the January 31st Financial report with the board.

MOTION by Orne, seconded by Richards, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for February

Motion approved with one abstention (Weinand)

Total weighted votes: 750.09

Pete advised the committee is recommending closing the salary reserve account and move the monies into the building and equipment reserve fund. Also, the committee would like to move \$200,000 from undesignated fund balance to the building and equipment reserve for future building needs. This will build the reserve fund up to \$645,000.

MOTION by Orne, seconded by Richards, to authorize the Director to close the salary reserve, move the funds to equipment reserve and transfer \$200,000 to the equipment reserve from undesignated fund balance

Motion approved with one abstention (Weinand)

Total weighted votes: 750.09

POLICY COMMITTEE

Bill advised the Policy Committee met last month and made a motion recommending changes to the following policies.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of Policies DA – Cost Sharing, DB – Annual Budget, GCOC – Evaluation and Compensation of Non-Represented Staff

Motion approved with one abstention (Weinand)

Total weighted votes: 750.09

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Kim reported the committee met briefly and discussed the middle school student survey for programming. Beth reported we are still getting results on the survey and we have about 500 responses. The number one and two responses were Law Enforcement and Outdoor Leadership. The third was Business. Beth explained the process of adding a program in Career and Technical Education. She doesn't expect additional survey results to change much. Law Enforcement does not have a credential attached to the program because of age restrictions. Some programs are geared towards forensics and crime and other programs are focused on police officer training. A new program's startup costs wouldn't be exceedingly high. Plumbing, electrical, aquaculture and green energy programs were low on the survey. Gerald asked Beth to explain an Outdoor Leadership program. John advised he disagreed with the results of the survey and that both plumbing and aquaculture were dependent upon a good instructor and getting the students excited about a program. The board discussed upcoming industries in the area. Gerald felt reaching out to parents is important as well. The board discussed ways of implementing new non-traditional programming. The committee will meet again next month to continue the discussion and make recommendations.

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry reported he will be busy in March meeting with the National Rural Executive Board. He is attending meetings involving CTE at the NREA. Jerry will be in Boston in mid-March discussing rural education. He has appointments with the Maine delegation in Washington, D.C. to discuss REAP and Perkins in early April. Jerry hopes to know more about Perkins funding in April.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth reported approximately 30 students are heading to Bangor for the annual Skills competition tomorrow. They stay overnight and return on Friday. Each year we usually earn a few gold medals and then try and send the students on to the National competition. There is legislation going to committee next week regarding middle school CTE programs. The CTE Directors have not gained clear understanding about how the programming will work. There is no criteria or application process at this time. The islands are very interested in middle school programming.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Next Board Meeting: March 28, 2018

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary