

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**April 25, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on April 25, 2018.

**Those in attendance were:**

CSD	Faith Vautour, Tori Manzi, Bob Duke	(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, Seth Hall	(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.

**Absent** – Renee Jones, Pete Orne

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 905.8**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ADJUSTMENTS** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Weinand, to approve the minutes of the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting

Motion approved unanimously  
**Total weighted votes: 905.8**

**CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE**

Beth reported we have all the steel on site and the crew is putting up walls. The geothermal drilling was tested over April break. Several board members toured the site today with our Project Coordinator. We are having weekly construction meetings with our site Superintendent, Mike Goldsmith. Beth discussed the portable classrooms and how the Firefighting/EMT program moved into the portable classrooms this school year. A school in southern Maine is looking for portables and has asked what we would charge for the units. The board discussed and concluded that they would not charge a fee for the portables.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Richards, to donate the portable classrooms and the recipient would provide transportation costs (by middle of June)

Motion approved with one opposed (Jackson)  
**Total weighted votes: 827.91**

Gerald asked if the board would be interested in using the geothermal system to heat sidewalks and walkways around the building. Beth will discuss with Ron Lamarre and report back to the board.

**REVIEW OF SMALL ENGINES PROGRAM**

Beth requested that the Small Engines program be suspended for this upcoming school year. She advised there is only several students signed up for the upcoming year and she would like to move the Firefighting/EMT program into that program space for one year.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Hall, to suspend the Small Engines program for the 2018-19 school year

Danny asked about what happens to the instructor for next year. Beth reported we currently do not have a contracted instructor for the program. Gerald asked about how often a program is suspended. Beth felt for this particular program, suspending the program a year would not be an issue. Seth asked if bringing the program back would be an issue with the Department of Education. The board discussed the ramifications of suspending the program for a year.

Motion approved unanimously  
**Total weighted votes: 905.8**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE**

#### **Warrants and Budget**

Joanne reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants. She reviewed the financial report as of March 31. The Finance Committee would like to meet with Bobby Deetjen next month to discuss special education needs in the new school.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Duke, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for March and April

Motion approved unanimously  
**Total weighted votes: 905.8**

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Tori advised the committee met and discussed the Food Services Director job description. The full board will get the job description next month for approval. The position will begin in January, 2019 to get the Food Services program started in the new facility. Beth clarified how students will be attending every other day when the new school opens, thus necessitating the need for a food services program.

### **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Kim reported the committee met and are recommending an Outdoor Leadership Program to begin in September, 2019. There are two programs currently operating in the state. Anticipated enrollment is 14 students per session (every other day). Beth would need to write an application due in June to the Department of Education. The curriculum would include a natural history component and students could attain a Maine Guide license (if age 18). We could partner with a local sports company to rent the equipment needed for the program. Seth asked about space in the new building. Beth advised there is enough classroom space for the new program. Gerald asked about our current EMT program and if there is any crossover between the two programs. Seth asked about grant opportunities.

MOTION by Appleby, seconded by Jackson, to recommend that Region 8 apply to the Department of Education for approval of an Outdoor Leadership Program starting in 2019-20 school year

Beth outlined the timeline for applying to the Department for a new program.

Motion approved unanimously  
**Total weighted votes: 905.8**

### **CHAIR UPDATE**

Jerry handed out a written report to the board. He reported that Perkins funding is a concern nationwide.

**DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Beth reported the tour went well and was attended by Dave Miramant, our local state representative, and a reporter from the Pen Bay Pilot. Our Adult Education Director has taken a new job in southern Maine and is resigning as of May 25<sup>th</sup>. The MELMAC grant sponsored a student field trip to Maine Maritime Academy today for several programs including Welding and Machine Shop. A new MELMAC grant will soon be opening up just for CTE programming. Beth would like to offer Middle School summer camp programs. She hopes to implement in the new building but cannot see a way to offer this sooner. MELMAC will be doing a Q&A call to various CTE schools next week to discuss further. Beth described some of the trips sponsored by the grant this year. Gerald asked about the status of Accuplacer testing at Region 8. Danny asked about what happens to the monies budgeted for the Small Engines program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next Board Meeting: May 23, 2018

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Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary