

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING  
September 26, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on September 26, 2018.

**Those in attendance were:**

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro	John Gorham	(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Kim Appleby	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Seth Hall, Matthew Speno	(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.; Andrea Palise, Guest – Five Town CSD

**Absent** – Gerald Weinand, Pete Orne, Dan Furrow, Joanne Richards

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:02 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 602.65**

**NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

Andrea Palise, currently a member of the Five Town CSD board, is visiting the Region 8 board in anticipation of being appointed to the board by next month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ADJUSTMENTS** – Add Logo Unveiling Discussion to the agenda

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Manzi, to approve the minutes of the regular August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting

Motion approved with two abstentions (Gorham, Speno)

**Total weighted votes: 512.82**

**OUT-OF-STATE TRIP REQUEST**

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to approve the MELMAC trip to Boston, MA on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tori would like to see this trip continue after MELMAC grant funds expire.

Motion approved unanimously

**Total weighted votes: 602.65**

**BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Jerry reviewed the board committee appointments with board members.

**STIPEND POSITION NOMINATIONS**

Beth reviewed the stipend position nominations with the Board.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Speno, to approve the stipend position nominations for 2018-19 as presented

Danny asked if the stipends were budgeted. Bob asked if the stipends had changed from prior year.

Motion approved with one opposed (Duke)

**Total weighted votes: 533.03**

### **CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE**

Beth discussed change orders seven and eight with the board. Change order seven is overall a credit of \$2,972. Change order eight is \$25,017 for ledge removal during installation of the geothermal well system. She advised there was much discussion back and forth about ledge removal and a total of 57 hours was spent removing ledge. Beth explained there will hopefully be a credit for unused well casing during the well installation.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve Change Order 8 in the amount of \$25,017 [Motion withdrawn]

Danny asked how they missed the ledge removal. Beth advised the specifications were not clear that the removal was part of the project. After board discussion, the motion and second was withdrawn and the board did not approve Change Order 8. Seth felt that the architect is also responsible for the error in the specifications and should also be accountable for the ledge removal cost. Beth reported there were also issues with getting the parking lot restored. Beth discussed rolling out the logo now instead of in the spring. She advised that Brandon Soards, Design Technology Instructor, is concerned about having enough time to get the logo switched over. The board also discussed placement of the logo in the main entrance. They agreed that they supported the concept of installing the logo on the carpet in the main lobby. Beth advised the logo would cost approximately \$6,000.

### **ADULT EDUCATION CONCERN**

Beth reported she is concerned about the Adult Education CNA Program. She has found out that a large nursing home company in Maine has gained approval to implement CNA training via video instead of under the supervision of an on-site RN instructor. Beth is appalled at the concept and has tried for months to find out who at the state level approved the video training. Region 8 was approached by the same nursing home company to administer the CNA test to their video students for a small fee. Beth declined and approached both the Board of Nursing and the DHHS Certification Office to find out how the training had gained approval. She wrote a letter and attended a Board of Nursing meeting to express her concerns. At this time, she has not received any answers as to how the curriculum change was approved. It also appears the video training could supplant our Adult Education CNA program due to lack of enrollment. We normally train approximately fifty students each year and this alternate training could either reduce or eliminate our CNA program. She has found that some Adult Education programs in Maine are administering the test to these students who have been video trained. Tori asked if Beth has spoken to our local legislators about this issue. Beth has discussed this with MACTE and several other regions that have Adult Education programs. Seth asked about the legality of what has occurred. Danny asked when the Adult Education Committee planned to meet and strategize.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE**

##### **Warrants and Budget**

Bob reported the committee met and signed the warrants for August and September. He reviewed the financial report ending August 31 with the board.

MOTION by Duke, seconded by Jackson, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for August and September

Motion approved unanimously

**Total weighted votes: 602.65**

### **CHAIR UPDATE**

Jerry reported the fall conference is coming up at the end of October.

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

Motion approved unanimously

**Total weighted votes: 602.65**

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Duke, to nominate Jerry White as alternate delegate to the Maine School Boards Conference Assembly

Motion approved unanimously

**Total weighted votes: 602.65**

Jerry advised he has met with the National Rural Education Program. He is attending the national conference in November in Denver, Colorado.

#### **DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Beth reported her enrollments appear to be strong but she doesn't have final numbers to report as of yet. We are trying to resolve some data inaccuracies on the Department of Education website. The School Approval Report appears to be out of sync with Career and Technical Education; there is a multitude of questions that don't pertain to CTE. We have voiced our concerns to the DOE. There have been several small grants to do with Middle School programming. However, we have not qualified because we cannot serve MS students until we enter our new building. The Superintendent from St. George is very interested in Region 8 serving his MS students. Beth would like to apply for a pilot program to serve island and St. George students that will be available this winter. Tori asked how the funding would continue after the pilot program. Beth doesn't know how the state will fund MS students in the long term. She is hopeful we can also apply for grant funding from MELMAC or a STEM grant.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next Board Meeting: October 24, 2018

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Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary