

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
October 23, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on October 23, 2019.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Bob Duke, Tori Manzi, Brooks Crane	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro	John Gorham	(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joanne Richards, Loren Andrews	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Seth Hall, Matthew Speno, Rick Butler	(77.89/ea)
SAD 7		(7.49)
SAD 8		(24.58)
St. George		(54.68)

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Bobby Deetjen, Asst Director; Peter Gallace, Curriculum Coordinator; Steve Betts, reporter

Absent – Jerry White, Andrea Palise, Gerald Weinand, Danny Jackson, Yvonne Thomas, Alane Kennedy

Vice Chair Bob Duke opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 532.21**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Gorham, to approve the minutes of the regular September 25th meeting

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 532.21

[L Andrews arrived 7:01 PM]

OCTOBER STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Bobby Deetjen handed out the 2019-20 Student Enrollment at Region 8. Overall enrollment is 311 students that includes 14 post grads. Majority of programs the enrollment is up. Culinary, Auto Tech and many programs are full. Intro to Applied Technology is lower than normal due to the schedule change. The majority of our schools cannot accommodate a full day program for 9th graders. He reviewed the island programs. [S. Hall arrived 7:05 PM] The new every other day schedule is working very well. The students are able to increase their hands-on projects.

SHARED JOB PROPOSAL

Beth asked Peter Gallace to explain his shared job proposal. The North Haven principal resigned recently and he was offered the position of Assistant Superintendent/Principal on a part-time basis. Beth explained that Heather Ramsay has been working as a Student Pathways Coordinator part-time for the past year and is familiar with the school.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Richards, to approve the shared job proposal with North Haven

Matt asked if the savings for this position would allow for the hiring of an Ed Tech in the school.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 687.92

UPDATE ON FENCE PROJECT

Beth reviewed the updated fence map provided by Bill Lane of Gartley and Dorsky. We are scheduled to return to the Planning Board on November 19th. She encouraged the board members to attend this meeting and the school's attorney will also be present. Bob thought there would be some negotiation between the city and the school relative to the Harbor Trail. Beth explained the city's attorney has been in discussion with our attorney about the legal issues. Bob feels the Harbor Trail shouldn't be brought into the discussion with the Planning Board. Joanne felt that the Planning Board should be following city ordinances and not muddying the waters with the Harbor Trail issue when reviewing the fence and outdoor classroom. Rick asked if any study had been done on the hillside and Beth advised a geotechnical study had been completed in June. The board discussed usage of the outdoor space and the potential sound impact on the neighbors. Beth clarified that the space would be used primarily in the daytime with an occasional evening use for an event such as the twice annual open house which usually ends at 7:00 PM. Rick asked if sound testing should be done as a sign of good stewardship. Bobby explained the possible uses of the outdoor space that includes student assemblies that would be no longer than an hour at a time. Loren asked about fencing setbacks and use of the property during non-school hours. Tori felt it is reasonable to ask the public to not be on the property during school hours when students are outside for educational activities. Matt is concerned about money being spent on legal fees. Beth explained that she has tried for months to come to an agreement with the city.

STIPEND POSITION NOMINATIONS

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Speno, to approve the amended Stipend Positions Nominations

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 687.92

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Butler, seconded by Pearce, pursuant to Section 405(6)(E) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to consult with the board attorney regarding a construction claim

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 687.92

Enter: 7:53 PM

Exit: 8:32 PM

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Speno, to appoint Bob Duke and Joanne Richards to assist the Administration in negotiating with Sheridan Corporation regarding closing out the construction contract

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 687.92

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

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

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Hall, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for September and October.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 687.92

POLICY COMMITTEE

Bill advised the committee met today to discuss a number of policies which will be brought before the board at the next meeting.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Richards, second reading of Policy JL Student Wellness

Motion approved with one abstention (Butler)
Total weighted votes: 610.03

CHAIR UPDATE

None

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth advised the Marine Trades program curriculum used to focus on composites, but the current instructor changed the focus to diesel engines. The new Small Engines instructor will now be adding diesel engines to his curriculum. Beth would like to change the CIP code to allow composites to be again taught in the Marine Trades program.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Manzi, to authorize the Marine trades CIP change to separate out composites from marine services

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 687.92

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next Board Meeting: November 20, 2019

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary