

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on January 22, 2020.

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, Gerald Weinand	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno, Danny Jackson, Seth Hall	(77.89/ea)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas	(24.58)
St. George	Alane Kennedy	(54.68)

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Bobby Deetjen, Asst Director;

Absent – Andrea Palise, Rick Butler

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:04 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 852.49**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the minutes of the regular December 18th meeting

Motion approved with four abstentions (Weinand, Crane, Kennedy, Hall)
Total weighted votes: 572.48

FIELD TRIP APPROVAL

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Hall, to approve the Boston World of Wheels trip

Danny asked if there was sufficient chaperones for the trip.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 852.49

UPDATE ON EXPLORATORY PROGRAMMING

Beth reported that Bobby has been working hard on setting up the programs in our sending schools. Equipment for the programs will be ordered soon. Beth discussed the issue with students being unable to attend our introductory programming (IAT) here at MCST due to their schedules in the sending schools. These three new programs in our sending schools will replace the introductory programming at Region 8. Bobby discussed his conversation with Five Town CSD administrators about implementation of the plan and what it will look like at Camden Hills Regional HS. Gerald asked Bobby about his conversation with Oceanside on the same topic. The focus is primarily on 9th and 10th graders. Seth asked if we have any estimates on the number of students who might enroll in the new programming. Bobby advised that Camden is looking at twenty-four potential seats in their program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Duke, seconded by Jackson, pursuant to Section 405(6)(C) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the status of the construction project

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 852.49

Enter: 7:24 PM
Exit: 7:37 PM

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, pursuant to Section 405(6)(A) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the non-negotiated staff and Director's compensation

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 852.49

Enter: 7:37 PM
Exit: 8:03 PM

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the non-negotiated compensation as presented and Directors increase in compensation at no more than 3%

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 852.49

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and signed the warrants for December and January. Bob reviewed the Accounts Payable warrants with the board. He discussed the December 31st financial report.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Hall, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for November, December and January.

Danny asked about unpaid accounts in the Food Services program. Gerald asked about the profits in the culinary arts café'.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 852.49

The Finance Committee has been reviewing the proposed budget for next year. Bob reported he doesn't see a big increase in the budget. The draft budget will be presented at the next board meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tori advised the committee will be meeting to begin reviewing job descriptions in the near future.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Tori advised the negotiations begins on February 3rd.

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry congratulated Bob Duke on the quality and appearance of the new flooring in the building. He discussed his most recent meeting of the Rural Education Association Committee.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth reported that Central Maine Power has told us we need to upgrade our transformer for the solar project. The cost has been estimated at \$12,000. Our architect disagrees with CMP's assessment of our need to change out the transformer. It is likely that CMP may approve the transformer that is currently in place but we have not had a definitive answer as of yet. The solar panels are still being installed and then we have to wait for CMP to connect the solar. We have an upcoming mid-term school review by the Department of Education. Our teachers wrote a MELMAC grant (\$20,000) to hold a Middle School camp this coming summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Next Board Meeting: February 26, 2020

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary