

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING (via Zoom)
May 27, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on May 27, 2020.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joanne Richards, Gerald Weinand, Loren Andrews	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno, Danny Jackson, Seth Hall, Rick Butler	(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; Kristy Hastings, Teacher; J Bakley, Teacher; Sue Stewart, Teacher; Danica Wooster, Teacher; Jonmikel Pardo, Technology Director, Peter Gallace, Curriculum Coord.

Absent – Brooks Crane, John Gorham

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:02 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 716.32**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

RAFYTY THE ACTION TAKEN OF THE ORIGINAL VOTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

March Board Meeting:

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Speno, to approve the minutes of the regular February 26th meeting

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 778.45

Butler(77.89): Yes	Crane(69.62): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes	

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Jackson, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for February and March.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 778.45

Butler(77.89): Yes	Crane(69.62): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes	

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Richards, to approve the first reading of policies JJIF – Concussions and Other Head Injuries and EDBA-R – Lockout/Tagout Procedure

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 778.45

Butler(77.89): Yes	Crane(69.62): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes	

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Jackson, to approve the revised Technology Director job description (formerly Computer Systems Manager) as amended

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 778.45

Butler(77.89): Yes	Crane(69.62): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes	

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Richards, to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Fisher with regrets with an end date of June 30, 2020 unless both parties agree to extend the term

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 778.45

Butler(77.89): Yes	Crane(69.62): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes	

April Board Meeting

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to add an Executive Session on Negotiations pursuant to Section 405(6)(D) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular March 25th meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 646.7

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Abstain	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the special April 1st meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 646.7

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Abstain	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the continuing and probationary contracts as presented

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Richards, to approve the nomination of Joel Rowland as Marine Tech Instructor

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Jackson, to approve the current Cooperative Agreement

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the Region 8 Emergency Management Plan, with amendments

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the Applied Learning Projects policy

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, 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: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Richards, pursuant to Section 405(6)(D) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the status of negotiations

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.62): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Richards, to remove Rick Butler from the Negotiations Committee and add Matt Speno as a new committee member and add Bobby Deetjen into the negotiations as incoming Director

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 623.49

Butler(77.89): Abstain	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Hall, 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 Director's employment contract

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to hire Robert Deetjen as Director of Mid-Coast School of Technology effective 7/1/20 with a three year contact and starting salary of \$100,000

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 545.6

Butler(77.89): No	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): No
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

[Alane Kennedy arrived 7:17 PM]

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

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Manzi, to approve the second reading of policies JJIF – Concussions and Other Head Injuries and EDDBA-R – Lockout/Tagout Procedure

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Manzi, to approve the deletion of policy AB – Citizens and their Regional Career and Technical School

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of Policies BG – Policy Process, DN – School Property Disposition, EDC – Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment Computer Software, GBGAA – Bloodborne Pathogens, IJOA – Field Trips, IJOC – School Volunteers and Admission Standards

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Hall, to approve the revised Assistant Director job description (as modified)

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the Student Services Coordinator job description (as modified)

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the Ed Tech II job description

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 701.38

Butler(77.89): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Richards(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular April 29th meeting, as amended (below)

Matt Speno asked that the minutes be amended as follows: “He read aloud the possible example of the Special Education Steering Committee Vision and indicated the Mission would be created by the Committee stakeholders as a guiding principal to fulfill the Steering Committee Vision.”

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 545.67

Andrews(77.82): Abstain	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Abstain
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	White(7.49): Yes

[Gerald Weinand arrived 7:24 PM]

DESIGNATION OF AUDITOR – WILLIAM BREWER

MOTION by Duke, seconded by Richards, to approve the designation of William Brewer as Auditor

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

NOMINATION OF CARPENTRY INSTRUCTOR

Beth is recommending to the board the nomination of Julian Stearns for the position of Carpentry instructor.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Hall, to approve the nomination of Julian Stearns as Carpentry Instructor

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

NOMINATION OF CTE EXPLORATORY INSTRUCTOR - MVHS

Beth advised that she is nominating Nora Wilson, currently an instructor at MVHS in the Career-to-School/Coordinator Teacher position, who will be transferring in to the new position.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the nomination of Nora Wilson as CTE Exploratory Instructor

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

NOMINATION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Richards, to approve the nomination of Peter Gallace as Assistant Director

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Duke, pursuant to Section 405(6)(A) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss Employment, Assignment and Duties

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

Enter: 7:32 PM

Exit: 7:48 PM

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Richards, to approve the nomination of Kristy Hastings as Student Services Coordinator

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 693.04

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): No	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

Enter: 7:51 PM

Exit: 8:24 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for May and the April 30th financial report. He reviewed the financial report with the board.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Jackson, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for May.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

POLICY COMMITTEE

Bill advised there are six policies for second reading BG, DN, EDC, GBGAA, IJOA and IJOC.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve the second reading of policies BG – Policy Process, DN – School Property Disposition, EDC – Authorized Use of School Owned Software and Materials, GBGAA – Bloodborne Pathogens, IJOA – Field Trips and IJOC – School Volunteers

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of Policies ADF – Commitment to Learning Results and Standards, BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics, BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest, BEDF – Voting Methods, BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings and BIA – New Board Member Orientation

Seth asked about policy BCA and feels the policy could be simplified. He made some language suggestions. Seth also commented on how and when the public has a right to comment at board meetings. He does agree with the new language. Danny advised that the language added in Policy BCA, #14, does not include hiring the Director. Jerry commented statute covers the board when hiring the school's Director. Bill Pearce will address this language at next Policy Committee meeting. Joanne asked for an minor edit in Policy BEDH.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Butler(77.89): Abstain	Duke(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Richards(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tori reported the committee discussed the job descriptions for stipend positions. The draft job descriptions will come before the board at the June meeting.

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry has been meeting with his executive boards. He has attended two webinars sponsored by MSBA surrounding special education issues.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth reported that we have hired Jessica Pearson for the Culinary Ed Tech II position. Several positions are still vacant: CTE Exploratory in Camden and School-to-Career Coordinator at MVHS, plus a math teaching position needs to be advertised. The solar project should be online within the next couple of weeks. We have not resolved all the legal issues surrounding the construction project. We have withdrawn our request to build a fence with the Planning Board. Beth has attended a number of zoom meetings at the state level. Bobby reported the last student day is May 29th for submitting work. Teachers will continue to work with students after this date. Our sending schools have been very cooperative in assisting us with contacting students. He is meeting every Thursday with sending school principals about students returning to school in the fall. Seth asked about the students who have not attained credit to graduate. Bobby responded very few students are in this situation and we have been working with our sending schools. A number of our students will not be able to complete the testing for program certifications. Yvonne reported that the student / teacher relationships has made a big difference for the students attending MCST.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Next Board Meeting: June 24, 2020

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary