

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**August 10, 2017**

The special scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on August 10, 2017.

**Those in attendance were:**

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Pete Orne	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro	John Gorham	(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joanne Richards, Kim Appleby, Loren Andrews	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Seth Hall, Sara Andrews, Matthew Speno	(77.89/ea)
SAD 7		( 7.49)
SAD 8		(24.58)
St. George	Sherman Hoyt	(54.68)

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr; Ron Lamarre, Architect, LBA; Joe Britton, Architect, LBA; Steve Betts, Jonmikel Pardo

**Absent** – Faith Vautour, Jerry White

Vice-Chair Kim Appleby opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.      **Total weighted votes: 898.31**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**ADJUSTMENTS** – None.

**NOMINATION OF SCHOOL-TO-CAREER COORDINATOR/TEACHER**

Beth advised that Carol Pelletier requested a transfer into the position of School-to-Career Coordinator/Teacher from her current Culinary Arts Instructor position.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the nomination of Carol Pelletier as School-to-Career Coordinator/Teacher

Motion approved unanimously

**Total weighted votes: 898.31**

**NOMINATION OF CULINARY ARTS INSTRUCTOR**

Beth nominated Charles Butler as our new Culinary Arts instructor.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to nominate Charles Butler as Culinary Arts Instructor

Pete informed the board he felt Charles is a great hire for the school and he holds him in high regard. He feels we are getting an excellent employee. Loren Andrews also applauded the hiring of Charles.

Motion approved unanimously

**Total weighted votes: 898.31**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF LAPTOP PURCHASE FROM EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND**

Beth explained the MLTI program has changed how they operate. We have to purchase the computers and the state will reimburse us \$600 per machine over the next three years. Sherry explained the state will fund twenty-seven laptops and would like the board to approve the purchase from the equipment reserve fund. The monies from the grant will be returned to the reserve account as we receive the funds.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Richards, to use Equipment Reserve funds to purchase laptops through the MLTI Grant

Motion approved unanimously  
**Total weighted votes: 898.31**

### **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS**

Ron reviewed the two pre-qualified bidders: PC Construction and the Sheridan Corporation. PC Construction's bid came in at \$21,079,000 and the Sheridan Corporation came in at \$20,811,000. Sheridan is the apparent low bidder. The geo-thermal bid came in at \$1,236,274 (alternate #1). Alternate bid #2 was to increase the paving depth and the increased cost is \$48,576. We had an alternate bid for wood ceilings and that was included in the bid at \$69,536. Ron advised if we purchased equipment in advance, we would save about \$154,000 on various dust collectors that were separated out in the bid. Beth reviewed the Perkins grant parameters and how much funding we generally receive annually. Ron explained that the contractor gave unit prices on items such as white boards, outlets and special outlets so that change orders don't need to be made at the end of the project for last minute add-ons. The State Fire Marshal is still reviewing the project and Ron went over the plans with the marshal last March. He also got bid alternates for a water curtain and several exterior garage doors in the event the fire marshal asked for their installation. Ron will put out a statement that the Sheridan Corporation is the apparent low bidder and advised that Beth can work out the contract with Sheridan with board approval.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Pearce, to authorize the Director to negotiate and enter into a construction contract with the Sheridan Corporation

Danny asked if there should be an amount in the motion. He also asked if Ron has worked with both contractors and his experience with both. Seth felt that Ron and his team has gotten us two good bids on budget and their work has been invaluable. Pete asked if the alternate prices would have changed the outcome of the bid. Beth advised the alternates were very close for both contractors. Ron stated we have sixty days to accept or decline the alternate bids. We have one year to decide on the educational equipment bid alternates.

Motion approved with one abstention (Duke)  
**Total weighted votes: 828.69**

### **BOARD VOTE ON AMENDED RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

MOTION BY Hall, seconded by Orne, that the resolution entitled, "Amended and Restated Resolution to Authorize School Construction Project and Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in Principal Amount of \$25,000,000 to Finance the Project," be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Beth explained why the attorney recommended the motion change and why the board would want to allow expenditures over \$25 million if we receive donations, premiums or rebate from the bond sale and grant money. Sherry discussed the bond rating and when we will be receiving the bond bids – August 15<sup>th</sup>. Our attorney and Bond Advisor will help make the decision regarding the best bond offer. Ron talked about use of premium in the building project and extra bid items.

Motion approved unanimously  
**Total weighted votes: 898.31**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Kim declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Next Board Meeting: August 23, 2017

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Beth Fisher, Board Secretary