

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
August 23, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on August 23, 2017.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Faith Vautour	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro	John Gorham	(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joanne Richards, Loren Andrews, Kim Appleby	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Seth Hall	(77.89/ea)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8		(24.58)
St. George		(54.68)

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Bobby Deetjen, Assistant Director; Peter Gallace, Curriculum Coord.

Absent – Tori Manzi, Peter Orne, Matthew Speno, Sara Andrews, Bob Duke, Sherman Hoyt

REORGANIZATION MEETING

1. Chair, Jerry White, began the reorganization meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Total weighted votes: 556.11

2. *Nomination and Election of the Board Chair*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to nominate Jerry White as Board Chair

Action: Jerry White elected Chair

Total weighted votes: 556.11

3. *Nomination and Election of the Vice-Chair*

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Gorham, to nominate Kim Appleby as Vice-Chair

Action: Kim Appleby elected Vice-Chair

Total weighted votes: 556.11

4. *Nomination of Board Secretary*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Vautour, to nominate Beth Fisher as Secretary

Action: Beth Fisher elected as Secretary

Total weighted votes: 556.11

5. *Nomination and Election of the Chair of Finance Committee*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to Nominate Pete Orne as Chair

Action: Pete Orne elected Chair of Finance Committee

Total weighted votes: 556.11

6. *Reorganization of Committees – Appointments*

No Action (Board Members to request committee assignments)

7. *Designation of Depositories*

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Richards, to continue to use the banking services of The First National Bank

Action: Motion Passed Unanimous
Total weighted votes: 556.11

8. *Designation of Legal Counsel*

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Richards, to continue to retain the services of Drummond Woodsum for legal counsel.

Action: Motion Passed (One Opposed – Gorham)
Total weighted votes: 544.17

9. *Designation of Insurance Agent*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to designate Maine School Management Association as Insurance Agent

Action: Motion Passed Unanimous
Total weighted votes: 556.11

10. *Adjournment*

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to adjourn the Reorganization meeting

Action: Motion Passed – Unanimous
Total weighted votes: 556.11

The reorganization meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:17 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 556.11**

NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Faith Vautour introduced herself and described her teaching background and service on the Five Town CSD board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Addition of Assessment/Testing Results for 2016-17.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the minutes of the regular June 28th and special August 10th, 2017 meetings

Motion approved with one abstention (Vautour)
Total weighted votes: 486.49

RESULTS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND BIDS

Beth reviewed the five bidders of the General Obligation Bonds. Sherry explained the process and advised that Morgan Stanley made the best bid offer. The true interest cost of the bonds is 2.74% over

twenty years. The board will receive enough premium to cover the cost of the geo-thermal project, the first interest payment and the cost of bond issuance.

DRAFT 2017-18 BOARD MEETING DATES

The board reviewed the dates for the 2017-18 board meetings.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, that the board meeting schedule include the dates of November 29th and December 20th.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 556.11

FEE WAIVER REQUEST – ROCKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Jerry advised that Beth, on behalf of the board, had requested the City of Rockland building permit fees of approximately \$25,000 be waived. Beth attended the City Council meeting and explained how the school assesses each sending school unit. The council asked what percentage of the fee could be attributed to RSU 13. The Council asked that board members attend the September council meeting to discuss further.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Vautour, that the board send a letter to the City of Rockland asking to waive the full building permit fee

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 556.11

BUILDING DESIGN UPDATE

Beth advised we are still negotiating some building details with the Rockland Fire Department and the Code Enforcement Officer. It is possible some interior overhead doors may need to be moved to exterior walls. John Gorham asked who makes the ultimate call, the State Fire Marshal or the local fire department. Beth advised the State Fire Marshal signs off but wants the local fire department to be in agreement as well. Loren discussed future and potential uses of the new building and would like public forums to continue. Seth discussed the marketing of the school and educational opportunities for the region. Beth discussed several recent rule changes that includes serving middle school students and allowing CTE to be a pathway for high school students. Loren would like to have a Maker Space presentation at a future board meeting. Seth felt the board should consider recording the board meetings and broadcasting to the public. He asked this item be placed on a future board meeting agenda. Loren advised RSU 13 is also collaborating with VStv to livestream their meetings.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS FOR 2016-17

Pete Gallace reported on the assessment data for the 2016-17 school year. All student take third party assessment tests for their individual programs. The following is the number of students who passed their program's assessment: 69% of machine tool, 50% of carpentry, 100% of EMT students, 100% of welding students passed the EMCC exam, 43% of Medical Science, 100% of CNA students, 94% of Design Tech, and Small Engines at 60%. These results include both first and second year students. Pete also reviewed Accuplacer scores (math, reading comp and sentence skills). Some students also take Algebra. He reviewed the scores needed by students to enter community college. The majority of our students were qualified and ready to move on to the community college level. Average scores were above the minimum requirements. Pete reviewed the various scores by program for each of the areas tested. He also discussed the Accuplacer Diagnostic test. Most students take just the regular Accuplacer test. The diagnostic is helpful for some students in pinpointing specific areas of need. Design Tech students took the Accuplacer Diagnostic which gave the instructor helpful information. 181 college credits were earned by students in concurrent/dual enrollment programs. Pete's goal is to increase the number of students participating this coming school year. Another goal is to increase the number of students passing third party assessments and earning certifications in their industry. John asked for a summary of the results and where the school's focus will be in the future. Pete feels a clear pathway and goals for students needs to start in Middle School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Joanne reported the committee met and signed the warrants for July and August.

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

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 556.11

Joanne discussed the FY17 year end fiscal report. The audit report is done and Fred Brewer will attend next month's meeting to discuss. Sherry discussed the various offers by local banks for setting up an account for the construction bond funds.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Hall, to authorize the Business Manager to set up an account with First National Bank for the bond proceeds.

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 556.11

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Andrews, to approve first reading of Policies GCO – Evaluation of Represented Staff, IGA – Curriculum and IKA – Student Assessment/Grading Achievement

Danny asked for a minor language change in Policy IGA. Bill will review with the committee.

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 556.11

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry was in Boston for a regional education meeting on CTE in early August. He reported that Amy Johnson was also in attendance. She is the co-author of the draft CTE EPS formula report. Jerry had some interesting conversations with Amy and followed up with an email to the Commissioner and Amy about changes to the CTE formula.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth reported a group from MACTE are going to meet with a representative from the Governor's Office about concerns with the proposed EPS formula. Some concerns include lack of transportation costs and equipment replacement and repair funds. She is hopeful these areas will be addressed prior to being passed into law. We hired an Ed Tech III but for the short term he will be the substitute Small Engine Instructor. He is exploring certification in this area and is currently certified in Industrial Arts. Bobby is exploring introductory programs for Middle School students. Beth will inform the board of the ground breaking date once it is set.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Next Board Meeting: September 27, 2017

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary