

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
December 20, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on December 20, 2017.

Those in attendance were:

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

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

Absent – Renee Jones, Matthew Speno, Pete Orne, Bob Duke, Tori Manzi, Loren Andrews, Sara Andrews

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:05 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 532.97**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the minutes of the November 29th, 2017 meeting

Motion approved with one abstention (Hoyt)
Total weighted votes: 478.29

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

Beth reported the work is moving along and she is learning much about building construction. She would like input from the board on putting skylights into the building. We have solar tubes in the current plan. She feels it would make an aesthetic difference in the building. Seth spoke in favor of installing skylights. John asked about the prior discussion on the decision to install solar tubes instead of skylights. Beth advised they were cut from the project due to cost considerations. She advised the cost to add three skylights will be approximately \$60,000.

MOTION by Gorham, seconded by Hall, to approve the installation of skylights

Bill asked about keeping the skylights clear of snow and ice.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 532.97

Beth advised we expect steel to arrive by mid-January. Walls and footings are almost complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE
Warrants and Budget

Joanne reported the committee met and signed the warrants for December. Joanne reviewed the November 31st Financial report with the board.

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

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 532.97

The committee did a quick overview of the draft budget.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Joanne reported the committee reviewed the Student Pathways Coordinator job description. Peter described the grant with Kennebec Valley Community College and how the position will be paid by the grant. Danny asked if the grant requires us to keep the position after the grant expires. Peter explained \$75,000 has been set aside in the grant and it is a two year part-time position.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Gorham, to approve the Student Pathways Coordinator job description

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 532.97

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Kim reported the committee discussed standing up one program at a time. The committee discussed the need for a new student survey and would like it completed by February break. There was concern about students being well informed about their choices and career opportunities before taking the survey. The program survey will include green energy, business, outdoor leadership, law enforcement and plumbing/electrical. Kim spoke about a Fisherman's Academy for lobstermen – an idea that first came about two years ago. The program is designed for students who plan on becoming fishermen. It would be a partnership between the programs currently offered and the sending high schools.

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry had a meeting with the Executive Committee of the NREA. He will head to Washington, D.C. in April to meet with the NREA and to meet with Maine's Congressional delegates as well. Jerry did a webinar on the e-rate grant, as well.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth recently went to the national Association for Career and Technical Educators conference in Nashville. We will finally have a set of standards for the marine trades through American Boat and Yacht Council. Beth has been working on standards for small engines (Equipment and Engine Training Council) with the Department of Education. A lot of her time has been taken up with the construction project. A teacher has submitted a resignation to retire so an interim teacher will be hired through the rest of the school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Next Board Meeting: January 24, 2018

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary