

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING  
January 24, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on January 24, 2018.

**Those in attendance were:**

CSD	Faith Vautour, Tori Manzi, Bob Duke	(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, Matthew Speno, Sara Andrews	(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.; J Bakley, Teacher

**Absent** – Renee Jones, Pete Orne, Loren Andrews\*

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 905.8**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Loren Andrews\* announced the passing of RSU 13's board chair, Steve Roberts. Their community is mourning this loss and Loren will be serving as chair of the RSU 13 board. He will be asking for a new appointee to replace him on the Region 8 board. [Loren departed the meeting.]

**ADJUSTMENTS** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Pearce, to approve the minutes of the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting

Motion approved with two abstentions (S. Andrews, Duke)

**Total weighted votes: 680.47**

**REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRIP**

J.C. Bakley, representing the MELMAC committee, would like to take approximately forty students to Boston in March. The committee is focusing on both employment and educational opportunities during the trip. The trip is primarily for Auto Collision and Auto Tech students to visit United Technical Institute in Norwood, Mass. The trip is an overnight stay and the second day's itinerary would be to visit the World of Wheels auto show in Boston. MELMAC grant funds will pay for the trip, including a coach bus.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Manzi, to approve the MELMAC trip to Boston, MA

Motion approved unanimously

**Total weighted votes: 827.98**

**CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE**

Beth reported the first steel was erected today. There are ten uprights with cross beams in place. Most of the concrete is poured as well. Beth is hoping to have the board members visit the site before a board meeting in the next couple of months.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

**Warrants and Budget**

Joanne reported the committee met and signed the warrants for December and January. Joanne reviewed the December 31<sup>st</sup> Financial report with the board.

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

Motion approved unanimously

**Total weighted votes: 827.98**

Joanne reported the committee reviewed the budget but is not bringing it before the board until the February meeting. We are waiting to hear what the state will send us for a subsidy allocation.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Bill reported the committee met and discussed several policies that will be presented at the next board meeting. Also discussed was the Cooperative Agreement. The agreement will be going before the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and then back before the board for potential amendments. Sherman asked Beth about training staff on bullying, sexual harassment, lockdown drills and gun violence. Beth advised this training is done annually with all staff in the fall. Lockdown drills are done in conjunction with the local police departments.

### **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Kim reported the committee met and discussed two next textbooks: Modern World History and American History: Reconstruction to the Present. Both books are 2018 editions and will be paid for through the equipment mini-grant.

MOTION by Appleby, seconded by Vautour, to approve the new Social Studies textbooks

Motion approved unanimously

**Total weighted votes: 827.98**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Employment**

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Duke, to enter Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) – Employment

Motion approved unanimously

**Total weighted votes: 827.98**

Entered: 7:23 PM

Exit: 8:10 PM

### **ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Vautour, to approve the following salary recommendations:

Robert Deetjen, Assistant Director - 2.5% increase  
Marianne Doyle, Adult Ed Director – 2.5% increase  
Victor Fox, Bus Driver – 2.5% increase  
Peter Gallace, Curriculum Coordinator – 2.5% increase  
Craig Hatch, Maintenance Director – 2.5% increase  
Sherry Moody, Business Manager - \$65,000 salary  
Tricia Start, Administrative Assistant – 3.5% increase  
Jonmikel Pardo, Computer Systems Manager – 2.5% increase  
Elizabeth Fisher, Director - \$105,500 salary

Motion approved with one abstention (Jackson)

**Total weighted votes: 750.09**

Joanne Richards advised a word (preferred) needs to be added to the job description for the Student Navigator position, under qualifications. The board agreed the addition is not a substantive change and the committee will add the word.

**CHAIR UPDATE**

Jerry reported he met with a student advocacy group and the President's budget cuts funding from technical education. However, the cuts have been restored by a bill in Congress at flat funding. Jerry will be going to Washington in April and plans to discuss funding with Maine's congressional staff. He discussed some of the budget cuts in the federal education budget.

**DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Beth reported the focus has been on the new building. She is enjoying the experience and it is never boring. Peter met with the TPEG committee yesterday and they are continuing work on the evaluation system. Beth is working on changing CIP codes with the Department of Education. She is working on a Middle School proposal with Bobby and Peter to submit to the DOE. Work continues on curriculum and scheduling in the new building. Bobby reported a former Firefighting/EMT student, Nickie Fowlie, has completed her first semester at a Paramedicine school and credited MCST with her success.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next Board Meeting: February 28, 2018

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Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary