

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
March 28, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on March 28, 2018.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Faith Vautour, Tori Manzi, Pete Orne, Bob Duke	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro	John Gorham	(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Kim Appleby, Joanne Richards, Gerald Weinand	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Matthew Speno, Sara Andrews, 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., Peter Gallace, Curriculum Coord.

Absent – Renee Jones

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 897.60**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Vautour, to approve the minutes of the February 28th, 2018 meeting

Motion approved with two abstentions (Hall, Duke)
Total weighted votes: 750.09

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

Beth reported the project is going smoothly despite the weather challenges. Steel erection and decking placement continues. The second floor concrete will be poured as soon as the weather warms up. Utilities will soon be installed by Central Maine Power. Test wells will be drilled during April break for the geothermal system. A building mockup will be erected out front for the public to view the new construction. Safety continues to be a priority and Sheridan is very responsive to our safety concerns. [G. Weinand arrived 7:07 PM] Kim asked about board members getting a tour of the site before the April board meeting.

TEACHER NOMINATIONS FOR CONTINUING & PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS

Jerry advised that there is probationary and continuing contract nominations for the board to approve.

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

Motion approved with one abstention (Weinand)
Total weighted votes: 897.60

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN REVIEW AND TRAINING

Beth reviewed the emergency plan with board members. Danny asked about Administrator locations during fire drills. Sherry explained all students are proceeding to the front of the school after exiting the building during fire drills due to the construction in the rear of the building.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the Emergency Management plan

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 975.42

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT APPROVAL AND VOTE

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the Cooperative Agreement as presented with revisions

Beth explained that once the board approves the Cooperative Agreement, we send out to our sending school units for their votes.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 975.42

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Pete reported the committee met and signed the warrants for March. Pete reviewed the February 28th Financial report with the board. He pointed out the success of the Adult Ed Welding program to board members. Sherry will have a year end forecast for the next board meeting. There will be several change orders at the next meeting for the board to review as well.

MOTION by Orne, seconded by Jackson, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for March

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 975.42

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve second reading of Policies DA – Cost Sharing, DB – Annual Budget, GCOC – Evaluation and Compensation of Non-Represented Staff

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 975.42

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tori advised the committee met and discussed the snow days for teaching staff. Beth has worked out a way for teachers to make up three of the snow days: job shadowing former students and professional development opportunities.

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry reported he had a National Rural Education meeting in March to get CTE sponsors for the national conference. He will be in Washington, D.C. next month for various meetings with Maine's congressional leaders. Perkins program funding stands at over 1 billion for CTE skills development. Jerry spoke about how Maine's Easter Egg design was created by an MCST student for the White House Easter Egg roll.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth reported on a discussion about state funding for CTE. She has been to the Legislature recently for hearings on the funding model. Equipment was not included in the formula. Middle School CTE pilot programs is included in the new language. The concept of MS CTE is difficult as the students' schedules are full. Beth would like to work out summer programming for MS students instead. The DOE has allocated \$5 million for the MS funding, however these monies were pulled out of the CTE funding model. Each CTE school in Maine is affected differently by the funding formula so the DOE is proposing

a hold harmless model for the next couple of years until the formula is fully implemented. The MELMAC committee took a group to Boston for the "World of Wheels" trip. The group had a wonderful time visiting various auto collision shops in southern Maine and the World of Wheels symposium in Boston. We won't be sending a group to the national convention for Skills USA this year but we did have several medal winners in Bangor. The community college system is switching from Accuplacer to the SAT test for placement purposes. They are proposing a pilot year for next year. This is a big concern to the MACTE Directors. Peter advised Accuplacer is not allowing local high schools to administer the Accuplacer test.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Next Board Meeting: April 25, 2018

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary