

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

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

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Andrea Palise	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro	John Gorham	(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joanne Richards, Gerald Weinand, Kim Appleby	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno, Danny Jackson, Seth Hall*	(77.89/ea)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8		(24.58)
St. George	Sherman Hoyt	(54.68)

Sherry Moody, Business Mgr; Peter Gallace, Curriculum Coord., Thom Johnston, Co-Director, Bridge Year Program

Absent – David Perkins, Dan Furrow

*Arrived 7:10 PM

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:04 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 750.02**

NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Andrea Palise, currently a member of the Five Town CSD board, was recently appointed to our board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Add Proposed Change Orders 57, 58 and 59

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Gorham, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular September 26th meeting

Motion approved with one abstention (Richards)

Total weighted votes: 672.2

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Duke, to approve the minutes of the regular October 24th meeting

Danny asked that a lack of quorum be added to the minutes of the October 24th meeting minutes. [Seth Hall arrived]

Motion approved with three abstentions (Jackson, Appleby, Weinand)

Total weighted votes: 516.49

BRIDGE YEAR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Thom Johnston introduced himself and spoke about dual enrollment where students can earn both high school and college credits at the same time. The courses allow for high school teachers to teach a college course in the high school environment. The Bridge Year Program involves students earning college level credits at a CTE school. The program gives the student a direction that will propel them into the right decision after high school (not necessarily college). Thom has been discussing with the Admin Team bringing the program back to Mid-Coast School of Technology. The Department of Education has approved the concept of students attending the CTE and taking college level courses at the CTE school as well, instead of in their sending high school. Thom also spoke about the issue of a Master's level

teacher being approved to teach college-level courses in content areas that differ from their Masters Degree. He spoke about the goal of allowing students to enter college as sophomores because they have enough credits earned through the Bridge Year Program to bypass their freshman year. Thom discussed the student being able to jump into the rigor of 2nd year college courses and be able to achieve. The Bridge Year Program aims to give students the structure they need to accomplish this. Jerry asked if courses were fully transferrable among the community colleges and University of Maine system. The students take a college course that normally spreads out over 15 weeks (at the college level) over the course of the school year. Matt asked if the students' credits earned at MCST would transfer over to credits at the sending high schools. Jerry pointed out that this was an issue the last time Bridge Year was implemented in the region. Andrea asked where the money comes from for the program. The CTE school has to apply for grant money from the DOE and then grant funds are paid to the Bridge Year Program. Thom explained the goal is to give students the ability to gain general ed credits at MCST. Matt suggested a committee be formed to further discuss the program.

FY18 AUDIT REPORT

Jerry advised the board that Fred Brewer was here last month to review the audit report.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Richards, to approve the FY18 Audit Report

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 827.91

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

Sherry updated the board on the status of the construction project. Jerry reviewed proposed change orders 57, 58 and 59. Seth asked about the lighting controls in the parking lot. Sherry explained that PCO's 58 and 59 are the result of staff walking through the facility with the architect and making electrical modifications.

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Richards, to approve proposed change orders 57, 58 and 59

Motion approved with one opposed (Duke) and one abstention (Jackson)

Total weighted votes: 680.4

Jerry reviewed Change Order 8 and advised the board has not yet acted on the change order. Sherry explained that Lavallee Brensinger has issued a construction change directive (CCD) for piping credit and change order 8 would be offset by the CCD. Bob stated he still objects to this change order as he feels there was an error in the specs regarding ledge removal. Board members continued discussion and agreed the change order should be tabled.

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Duke, to table Change Order 8 – Ledge Removal

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 827.91

Jerry reviewed PCO's 38 and 52 that were discussed last month. Seth asked about the cost of the exterior doors. Danny asked why the windows were switched to doors. Sherry read aloud an email from Ron Lamarre in response to Seth's question about the cost of the doors.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Richards, to approve PCO's 38 and 52

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 827.91

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and signed the warrants for October and November. He reviewed the financial report ending October 31 with the board. He noted the debt service payment of \$1.7 million was issued last month.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Jackson, to approve the warrants

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 827.91

POLICY

Bill reported the committee met and reviewed various policies including two new policies regarding food service (School Meal Payment and Student Wellness) plus discussed the current policy on Community Use of School Facilities. The committee will continue to discuss the policies next month.

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry attended the MSMA School Board conference at the end of October. He attended a Policies versus Technology workshop that was most informative. Jerry talked about the combined high school/CTE school being built in the "valley" and funded by the DOE. He also attended a workshop that updated him on the board's role in hiring staff. Jerry will be attending a meeting of the Maine Small Schools Coalition on Friday. Heidi Nolan, Beth Fisher and Jerry attended a meeting at the DOE on the CNA program issue. Jerry had a conversation with Rep Dave Miramant about placing a bill in the Legislature on moving CNA program approval back with the DOE (from DHHS). Danny thanked Region 8 for allowing the RSU 40 board to hold their meeting at the school in November. He also thanked Peter Gallace for presenting to the board at short notice.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Next Board Meeting: December 19, 2018

Peter Gallace, Board Secretary (designee)