

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
January 23, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on January 23, 2019.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, David Perkins, Andrea Palise	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro	John Gorham	(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joanne Richards, Gerald Weinand	(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)

Beth Fisher, Director; Bobby Deetjen, Assistant Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr; Peter Gallace, Curriculum Coord.; Brandon Soards, Instructor; Katharine Cartwright, Ron Lamarre, Matthew Shaw, Jessica Webb, Darren Webb, Alexys Schaeffer, Gina Schaeffer, Dan Schaeffer.

Absent – Bob Duke, Kim Appleby

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 672.2***

*Seth Hall arrived at 7:05 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Add Director’s Report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve the minutes of the regular December 19th meeting

Motion approved with one abstention (Weinannnd)

Total weighted votes: 594.38

MURAL REVIEW

Katharine Cartwright, Brandon Soards and Design Tech students Matthew Shaw and Alexys Schaeffer were present to present the mural to the Board. Matthew and Alexys spoke about their goals during the process and the team’s effort. Two more students, Isaac Bartlett and Juliette Keene, were not present but were credited for their hard work, as well. [Seth Hall arrived.] Ron explained how the mural would be painted onto metal panels and mounted on the side of the new building. Alexys explained how the 3D modeling worked in creating the design. Dave asked if the mural would be lit up at night. Ron will look into creating a way to light up the mural. Ron spoke about the bidding process for getting pricing on the mural. Danny asked about how long the mural is expected to last. Ron will find out from the manufacturer’s who bid the project. Seth asked if the mural graphic could be used for marketing purposes. The board asked that a press release be issued locally to present the mural to the public. Matt Speno volunteered to author an Op-Ed as well.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Hall, to approve the mural design as presented

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 750.09

Note: Mr. Soards supplied a full list of students, including the above named, who were involved in the mural project: Riley Philbrook, Sieryk Benedict, Ethan Gould, Sylvan Gamage, Micah Zisette, Logan Wheeler, Nick Prentiss and Tristan Harrison-Billiat

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

Sherry reviewed change orders 9 and 10 with the board.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Hall, to approve change orders 9 and 10

Andrea asked about the removal of one of the video security cameras. Bill asked about the field painting of the aluminum doors. Ron discussed the reasons for painting the doors and advised that they are still discussing this with the paint company.

Motion approved unanimously.

Total weighted votes: 750.09

Ron was present to discuss change order 8 with the board. He explained that when the borings were drilled on the site, no ledge was discovered initially. All ledge discovered on site has been an unforeseen condition and not included in bid documents. The ledge removal work was done and paid for to the site sub-contractor. He also discussed that a Construction Change Directive (CCD) was issued for a well casing credit to Sheridan Construction for the unused well casing in the geothermal system. Sheridan has advised they won't accept the well casing credit.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve Change Order 8

Gerald asked why a unit price was not included in the bid documents as this was common practice. Ron explained the reasoning why unit pricing was not included in the contract. Beth advised our project coordinator watched the ledge removal process closely.

Motion approved unanimously.

Total weighted votes: 750.09

Beth advised the project is proceeding well. Sherry is finalizing the furniture list. Interior colors are being settled. There are some electrical outlets that need to be installed as they were missed (welding shop) but overall we are very impressed with the quality of the work. Ron encouraged members to visit the site during the day when construction is in full swing.

DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION

Sherry reviewed the draft budget with the board. Since state subsidy figures have not been released, the region-wide assessment has not yet been calculated. The ED-279's are due out on February 1st. The current draft budget has an overall increase of approximately 2%. Sherry discussed the increase in the Maintenance budget and the addition of a third custodial position due to the increased size of the new building. The budget includes the addition of the Outdoor Leadership Program and the renewal of the Small Engines Program (suspended for one year). The board asked various questions about the budget and Sherry advised the full budget, including Adult Education and Food Services, would be presented next month along with anticipated revenues and assessment figures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Employment [1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A)]

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

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 750.09

Entered: 8:12 PM

Exit: 8:20 PM

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken on the Executive Session

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Joanne reported the committee met last week and reviewed the budget and signed the warrants for December and January. She reviewed the financial report ending December 31 with the board. Sherry discussed moving funds from the Facilities and Equipment Reserve account into a Certificate of Deposit with First National Bank of Damariscotta.

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

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 750.09

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Richards, to move \$500,000 into a Certificate of Deposit with the First National Bank for a 17-month period

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 750.09

POLICY

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve approve first reading of Policies EFD and KF

Gerald asked how often the building is currently being used by outside groups.

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 750.09

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry attended the National Ed Association Board of Director's meeting via phone. He will be in Washington the first week of April to attend a board meeting. Jerry discussed the reauthorization of the Perkins Act.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth accepted the resignation of our Horticulture instructor on Islesboro (with regret). We are interviewing long-term subs for the program. We are also advertising for the Outdoor Leadership and Small Engines programs instructors. The building project has been an incredible experience and she is pleased with the progress. Bobby is getting out programming and scheduling information to all our sending schools. We are working with a nurse recruiter from Maine Health who may assist us in setting up a nursing program in our new school. Bobby explained how the program would work for us without students having to leave the mid-coast to earn their RN degree. Beth updated the board on the CNA issue and progress being made. She has been in discussion with the island Superintendent's about their CTE programs and student enrollments.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Next Board Meeting: February 27, 2019

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary