

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
April 24, 2019**

Public Hearing on the Budget: Convened at 6:30 PM and adjourned at 6:55 PM.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on April 24, 2019.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Andrea Palise, Dave Perkins	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Gerald Weinand, Joanne Richards	(77.82/ea)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson	(77.89/ea)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas	(24.58)
St. George	Sherman Hoyt	(54.68)

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr

Absent – Seth Hall, Matthew Speno, John Gorham, Bob Duke

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 606.95**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Perkins, to approve the minutes of the regular March 27th meeting

Motion approved with one abstention (Hoyt)
Total weighted votes: 552.27

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

Beth reported the project has been very busy and substantial completion is planned for May 15th. The quality of the work is very high. Gerald asked if the electrical work has been resolved. Beth advised a final quote has not been received on the welding shop electrical work. The electrical sub-contractor will finish their work and the additional electrical will start after they are done. Beth talked to the code enforcement about the garage project. The garage is not the highest priority on the list of possible enhancements. Installing an amphitheater and solar panels on the roof would be higher on the list. There should be monies left in contingency to cover the costs of either or both projects. The bus garage has a few issues including location on the site. Beth will have three quotes on solar and three quotes on an amphitheater by the May board meeting. She has spoken to a lot of solar companies but many are not equipped for a large commercial project. Andrea asked Beth to describe the amphitheater and its potential uses. The tiered seating would be for several hundred people that would allow for student events and public use, as well. A small stage would be situated in the front.

TEACHER NOMINATIONS FOR CONTINUING AND PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS

Beth reviewed the teacher nominations of continuing contract and second and third probationary teaching staff.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Richards, to approve the contract nominations as presented

Danny asked if all the teachers nominated have up to date teaching certifications. Beth advised all teachers are current on their certifications.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 606.95

ANNUAL REVIEW OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Beth advised the Cooperative Agreement will need to be revised after the census next year. She is recommending to wait until next year for the revisions.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Richards, to approve the current Cooperative Agreement as written

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 606.95

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Joanne reported the committee met and signed the warrants for March and April. She reviewed the financial report ending March 31, 2019 with the board.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Jackson, to approve the warrants for March and April

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 606.95

PERSONNEL

Tori reported the committee is recommending approval of two job descriptions of the Kitchen Manager and Kitchen Worker.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Manzi, to approve the two job descriptions as presented

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 606.95

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry was in Washington, D.C. in early April meeting with the National Rural Education Association. He met with Maine's Congressional delegation to discuss rural school issues. Jerry discussed how the Perkins funding is allocated between the community colleges and CTE schools in Maine. Jerry handed out a draft letter of thanks to Kim Appleby that he intends to send to her with the board's approval.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth asked for feedback from the board on an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She would like to have the date near the beginning of school or during the first two weeks of September. The board discussed the date of Monday, September 9th. The board would like to invite congressional delegates, the Commissioner of Education and other local dignitaries.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Manzi, to hold the official ribbon cutting ceremony on September 9, 2019

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 606.95

Beth discussed middle school CTE programming. The DOE is funding \$17,000 towards a MS program. In the long term, we would like to hold MS summer camps. There may be other sources of funding in the

future, such as the MELMAC grant. There is a bill in the Legislature that intends to give proper credit for CTE courses. Beth thanked the staff for all their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Next Board Meeting: May 22, 2019

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary