

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
May 22, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on May 22, 2019.

Those in attendance were:

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

Beth Fisher, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr; Lisa Delfino, Resident; Kim Appleby; Scott Appleby

Absent – Bill Pearce, Sherman Hoyt

*Seth Hall arrived 7:38 PM

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:10 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 633.9**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Adjustment to bus driver salary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Richards, to approve the minutes of the regular April 24th meeting

Danny asked about language revisions to the Cooperative Agreement.

Motion approved with two abstentions (Duke, Gorham)

Total weighted votes: 552.34

PRESENTATION TO FORMER BOARD MEMBER

Jerry thanked Kim Appleby for her service to the board and presented her with a plaque and a metal sculpture created by Welding students. Beth expressed her sincere appreciation for Kim's dedication to the new building project and her constant support of the school and the students.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

Beth discussed the cost of the school project and the tightness of the construction budget. One project, solar energy, was taken out of the initial budget due to the cost. Beth contacted many solar companies and was able to obtain two full proposals for placing solar panels on the roof. Beth reviewed the two proposals: Sundog Solar and Revision Energy. She asked for the board to support the placement of solar panels on the roof.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Richards, to set a limit of \$600,000 for the placement of solar panels on the roof of the new school

Dave asked who is available to give us advice on the two proposals. Gerald asked about power purchase agreements. Tori voiced her support for purchasing the solar panels now. Danny asked if there was any time limit on the proposals. Andrea asked about how much is left in funding for the solar project. [The motion was withdrawn to continue discussion on a second proposed project.] Beth discussed a potential second project for the installation of an amphitheater. There are funds coming from Efficiency

Maine that could offset the cost of an amphitheater. She explained the design of a granite rustic style seating area at the rear of the school. The last project would be the installation of a fence around the rear of the property. [Seth arrived at 7:38 PM.] Danny asked about the garage project. Beth felt the garage funding would not be included in the final construction funds.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Richards, to approve \$750,000 for both the solar and amphitheater projects.

Dave asked about the timing of the project and why more money is being requested than in the highest solar proposal. Seth did an analysis of both proposals and discussed with the board. He is in favor of placing as many panels as possible on the roof for future savings. Andrea asked how long the panels will last. Seth advised the invertors last about 15 or 20 years but no one knows how long a solar panel will last.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 711.79

Jerry reviewed Change Order 12 with the board.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Richards, to approve Change Order 12.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 711.79

Beth reviewed the proposed change orders (096, 097 and 098). She discussed the issue of who owns the lines and pump station for the force sewer main. The city has advised that we are responsible for installing a new sewer line to the street. However, the city advised that they do not know the condition of the line under the street and recommended installing a new line under the street. The architect is recommending we replace the lines to and under the street for a total cost of \$21,584, including the manhole credit.

MOTION by Perkins, seconded by Richards, to approve all three proposed change orders

Seth asked why the city is not responsible for the line under the street. Gerald asked about the existing sewer line configuration. Danny advised the agenda needs to be amended to include this request. [Perkins withdrew his motion].

MOTION by Perkins, seconded by Jackson, to adjust the agenda to include Change Orders 096, 097 and 098

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 711.79

MOTION by Perkins, seconded by Richards, to approve all three proposed change orders

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 711.79

NOMINATION FOR SCHOOL-TO-CAREER COORDINATOR/TEACHER

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the nomination of Nora J Wilson as School to Career Coordinator/Teacher

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 711.79

DESIGNATION OF AUDITOR

MOTION by Duke, seconded by Richards, to approve the designation of William Brewer as auditor

Danny asked about what is budgeted for the Auditor and if there is an increase in price.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 711.79

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to move that the vote entitled "Resolution to Authorize Issuance of a \$1,000,000 Revenue Anticipation Note," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Beth explained the debt service payment will be due in November and our cash on hand won't be enough to cover the payment.

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 711.79

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Director Evaluation

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to enter Executive Session for Director Evaluation per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A)

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 711.79

Entered 8:14 PM
Exited 9:03 PM

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Richards, to increase Beth Fisher's salary to \$110,000 per year for the 2019-20 school year

Motion approved with two opposed (Jackson & Duke)
Total weighted votes: 564.28

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to extend Beth Fisher's contract to 2021

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 711.79

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and signed the warrants for April and May. He reviewed the financial report ending April 30, 2019 with the board.

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

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 711.79

CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry will be meeting with the Maine Schools Coalition in Orono. He is also meeting with the NREA. Jerry has not heard of any changes in Perkins funding for next year.

ADJUSTMENT TO BUS DRIVER RATE

MOTION by Perkins, second by Richards, to amend the bus driver hourly rate to an additional 2% raise (total 5% raise)

Motion approved with one opposed (Jackson)

Total weighted votes: 633.9

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth discussed the asbestos remediation that is necessary prior to the demolition of the building. The environmental study has discovered there is asbestos mastic under the current tiles in the upper floor of the building. There is also a small area of asbestos tile in one room that needs to be removed. The Student Recognition Ceremony is on May 30th at the Owls Head Transportation Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Next Board Meeting: June 26, 2019

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary