

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on September 25, 2019.

Those in attendance were:

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| CSD | Andrea Palise, Bob Duke, Tori Manzi, Brooks Crane | (69.62/ea) |
| Islesboro | John Gorham | (11.94) |
| RSU 13 | Bill Pearce, Joanne Richards, Loren Andrews, Gerald Weinand | (77.82/ea) |
| SAD 40 | Danny Jackson, Seth Hall, Matthew Speno, Rick Butler | (77.89/ea) |
| SAD 7 | Jerry White | (7.49) |
| SAD 8 | Yvonne Thomas | (24.58) |
| St. George | Alane Kennedy | (54.68) |

Peter Gallace, Curriculum Coord; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., various staff and members of the public (attendance roster taken); Beth Fisher (via telephone)

Absent –

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:01 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 930.38***

[Jerry explained the rules of public comment to the group.]

PUBLIC COMMENT – Scott Hastings thanked the staff and school community for their job of ensuring the safety and security of the students they serve. He told the board he felt a fence is necessary to ensure the safety and security of the school. Katherine Fogg is satisfied with the installation of a fence and hopes the public can continue use of the property.

ADJUSTMENTS – Addition of an Executive Session

MOTION by Duke, seconded by Richards, pursuant to Section 405(6)(C) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the scope, terms, and conditions of a possible conveyance of an easement to the City of Rockland

Motion approved unanimously
Total weighted votes: 930.38

Enter: 7:07 PM
Exit: 7:53 PM

[*Brooks Crane arrived at 7:30 PM]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Duke, to approve the minutes of the regular August 28th meeting

Motion approved with abstentions (Butler, Crane, Andrews, Kennedy)
Total weighted votes: 719.99

OUT-OF-STATE TRIP REQUEST

Brandon Soards, Design Tech instructor, explained the purpose of the trip and outlined the agenda.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Speno, to approve the Design Technology trip to Boston for National Portfolio Day

Danny noted the trip is less than thirty days away which is a breach of policy.

Motion approved with one opposed (Jackson)

Total weighted votes: 922.11

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Jerry read aloud the current committee assignments and made more assignments.

STIPEND POSITION NOMINATIONS

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Pearce, to approve the stipend position nominations as presented

Motion approved with one abstention (Crane)

Total weighted votes: 930.38

FENCE DISCUSSION – BOARD DISCUSSION & VOTE

Tom Luttrell, Rockland City Manager, handed out a map of the school and current fence posts location (aerial view). He discussed negotiating a new location of the fence with the board that is different than the Planning Board's recommendation. The city lawyer advised if the board agreed to a fence location tonight, he can take this back to the city for negotiation to avoid a lawsuit. He discussed the current fence location as outlined by the posts. He is proposing this fence as an option that works well for the city for future use as a Harbor Trail. Bob advised there has been discussion of a licensure agreement instead of an easement with the city. Tom advised he would be willing to negotiate a licensure agreement, although he prefers an easement, as the city has recently negotiated a long-term agreement with Dragon Cement. Tom advised they are not looking for access to Owls Head beach just a path along Region 8's property. Brooks asked if the Harbor Trail would end at Region 8 and Tom confirmed that it would. He also noted that the city would need to go to the DEP for permits before the trail could proceed. Bob noted a Stop Work order had been placed on the fence construction and Tom explained that this occurred because the fence posts were placed down towards the bluff (without a permit). Beth commented that there was a mis-communication between herself and Tom about the school's installation of the south and north fence lines. Gerald clarified that the city would allow the installation of the current fence location (with a permit) and Tom confirmed that it would. Bill Pearce discussed the no-smoking statute on Region 8 property and the city is also creating a statute that bans smoking on all city property. Loren asked about the location of a pathway across the property.

Danica Wooster, Auto Collision teacher, and J Bakley, History teacher, presented the teacher's perspective on the fence and an outdoor learning space. Twelve programs use the school's outdoor spaces for various programs such as filming (Design Tech), firefighting training, training in the outdoors (Outdoor Leadership), plus moving vehicles in and out of the shop areas. J is concerned about limiting the learning space for our students with a fence at the rear of the school. They feel a fence is necessary for staff and student safety. The teachers feel their primary responsibility is the educational needs of the students. Their plan allows for more physical available space for staff and students and the community. Rick asked if the front parking area was used by students and what keeps students safe in front of the building with no fencing. Danica discussed unauthorized use of the property by the public when students are outdoors. Gerald likes the idea of a gate from the school that allows access to the park for students. Seth is concerned about creating an artificial barrier to the waterfront. Loren asked why we can't create a proposal that suits everyone. Jerry advised the board will need to make a choice. The teachers concluded their presentation and thanked board members for their support. The board discussed the two fence options.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Hall, to approve the proposal offered by faculty and staff to include the city in a conversation with our legal counsel about a mutual agreement for public use

Danny asked about the hours when a gate would be closed to the public. The board discussed creating a flexible arrangement without any kind of legal agreement (neither licensure or an

easement). Gerald stated the teacher proposal defines a fence along the south and north property lines with a gate on the north side of the property. [Richards and Hall withdrew motion.]

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Weinand, to put a fence down the north side with a gate to the bluff, a fence along the south side of the property to the bluff and to include the city in a conversation with our legal counsel about a mutual agreement for public use.

Motion approved with five opposed (Andrews, Weinand, Manzi, Jackson, Butler)

Total weighted votes: 618.97

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

Sherry explained the Planning Board's position that the Region 8 Board respond directly to them regarding the use of an outdoor learning space. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Duke, to reaffirm the original memo regarding the use of the outdoor learning space

Motion approved with two opposed (Weinand, Butler) and two abstentions (Kennedy, Jackson)

Total weighted votes: 711.72

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and signed the warrants for August and September.

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Jackson, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for August and September.

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 922.11

POLICY COMMITTEE

Bill advised the committee met today to discuss a number of policies which will be brought before the board at a future meeting.

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Richards, first reading of Policy JL Student Wellness and to delete Policy KF-R Facility Use Form and Fee Schedule

Motion approved with two abstentions (Kennedy, Crane)

Total weighted votes: 797.81

CHAIR UPDATE

MSMA's fall conference is October 24 and 25. Jerry advised we need an MSBA delegate for the delegate assembly. He won't be in attendance at next month's board meeting. Rick Butler agreed to be the delegate for Region 8.

MOTION by Richards, seconded by Hall, that Rick Butler be the MSBA delegate to the fall conference

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 922.11

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Richards, that Brooks Crane be the alternate delegate to the MSBA conference

Motion approved unanimously

Total weighted votes: 922.11

DIRECTOR UPDATE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Next Board Meeting: October 23, 2019

Elizabeth Fisher, Board Secretary