

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING (via Zoom)
July 22, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on July 22, 2020.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joseph Steinberger, Gerald Weinand, Loren Andrews	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno, Danny Jackson, Seth Hall	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas	(24.58)
St. George	Alane Kennedy	(54.68)

Bobby Deetjen, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.; Jonmikel Pardo, Technology Director; Scott Browning; J Bakley; Danica Wooster

Absent – Brooks Crane, John Gorham

Chair Jerry White opened the regular meeting at 7:01 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 693.11**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Speno, to approve the minutes of the regular June 24th meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 615.29

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Abst.	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

BOARD APPROVAL OF BUDGET REFERENDUM VOTING RESULTS

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Pearce, to accept the results of the regional budget referendum vote (CTE budget authorized in all seven school units)

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 693.11

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, pursuant to Section 405(6)(D) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the status of negotiations

*Weinand arrived 7:05 PM

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

Enter: 7:05 PM

Exit: 7:43 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Duke, pursuant to Section 405(6)(A) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session to discuss employment, assignment and duties

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

Enter: 7:46 PM

Exit: 8:00 PM

NOMINATION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Manzi, to approve the nomination of Scott Browning as Assistant Director with a salary of \$70,000 and 205 day contract.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 693.04

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Abstain
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Speno, to amend the contract of the Student Services Coordinantor to a salary of \$70,000 and a 205 day contract

Danny asked what the current salary is for the position.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 693.04

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Abstain
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

NOMINATION OF MATH TEACHER

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the nomination of Alex Fayvil as Math Teacher

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

APPROVAL OF 2020-21 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Jerry explained the schedule is the traditional fourth Wednesday schedule except for holidays.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the Board meeting schedule as presented

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Crane(69.62): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes
Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
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Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for July and the June 30th financial report. He reviewed the financial report with the board.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Speno, to accept and approve the warrant and budget reports for July.

Motion approved

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes

Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
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POLICY COMMITTEE

Bill advised there are eleven policies for second reading: Policies AD – Educational Philosophy/Mission(Revised), BBBD – Cooperative Board Attendance (Revised), BCC – Nepotism (Revised), BD – Organization of School Board (Revised), BDEA – Board Advisory Committees (Revised), BEA – School Board Use of Electronic Mail (Revised), BEC – Executive Sessions (Revised), BEDB – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (Revised), BEDG – Minutes (Revised), BIB – Board Member Development Opportunities (Revised) and JLCC – Communicable / Infectious Diseases (Revised)

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve the second reading of policies AD, BBBD, BCC, BD, BDEA, BEA, BEC, BEDB, BEDG, BIB, and JLCC

Motion approved

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first and second reading of Policies AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (Revised), ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students (Revised), ACAA-R – Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (Revised), ACAB – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees (Revised), ACAB-R – Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 770.93

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes
Weinand(77.82): Yes	White(7.49): Yes	

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of Policies GCOC – Evaluation and Compensation of Non-Represented Staff and GCQC – Resignation of School Employees

Motion approved

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Gorham(11.94): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
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CHAIR UPDATE

Jerry has attended a couple of NREA meetings regarding a lawsuit against Betsy Devoss about Title I funds—monies being shifted to private schools. The next NREA conference will be held virtually.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported that in 2017 we applied for a RUS grant. He was informed we will be receiving \$58,000 worth of equipment that includes two Promethean boards and three smaller videoconferencing units for our island schools. Yvonne asked about training for use of the new equipment (on the islands). Bobby explained part of the agreement includes professional zoom accounts for the equipment. Pro-AV will be providing the equipment and they have a good training program. Loren asked about the status of reopening the school. Bobby explained schools around the state have to create three different plans based on Red, Yellow and Green status (as designated by the Dept of Education). We have been working with our sending school Principals to create those plans. We can continue to operate our school under the Green and Yellow designations. Danny asked if the Region 8 board would be approving the plan. Bobby will be bringing the plan to the board in August. Danny asked if there are any strings attached to the RUS grant. Matthew expressed concerns that Region 8 be included in opening plans for all the sending schools. Bobby discussed the Perkins Grant and the comprehensive local needs assessment. He also discussed rebranding the school and new letterhead that was recently created. Matthew mentioned having a board workshop in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM. Pearce/Jackson (Unanimous)

Next Board Meeting: August 26, 2020

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary