

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING (via Zoom)  
August 12, 2020**

A special scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on August 12, 2020.

**Those in attendance were:**

CSD	Bob Duke, Tori Manzi, Diego Gutierrez	(69.62/ea)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joe Steinberger, Loren Andrews, Gerald Weinand	(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 Manager; Jonmikel Pardo, Technology Dir. (Meeting Proctor Only); J Bakley; Danica Wooster

**Absent** – John Gorham

Chair Jerry White opened the special meeting at 7:03 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 840.55**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ADJUSTMENTS** – None

**UPDATE ON STATUS OF BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN**

Bobby reported that pending any changes to RSU 13's plan, we will be able to finalize the portions of our own plan. As long as we are designated either green or yellow, we will be in school with our students. Our plan will define when students need to be quarantined, how long they must stay out when exposed and our strategy for student lunch periods (6 foot spacing). Our shop spaces allow us to spread out with ease. The Coronavirus Relief Funds will assist in the purchase of PPE and other necessary items. He meets with the Principals tomorrow to discuss questions that may come up, such as what happens if a student is diagnosed with Covid-19 while attending our school. Students who attend our school don't move class to class like in some schools. Jerry asked about students being screened before they arrive at Region 8. The CDC is recommending student screening at home. We are looking at an app that Camden may be using for screening staff and students. Bill asked about student transportation. We don't provide transportation; our sending schools bring the students to Mid-Coast, however we are encouraging students to transport themselves to school each day. Gerald requested that the board members introduce themselves to our new board member, Diego Gutierrez. Matthew asked if board members would be willing to meet in person at our next board meeting. The board agreed to meet in the building for the August board meeting. Alane asked if a remote option was available and Jerry advised there will be that option. Gerald asked about our students returning to the sending schools who may be infected with the virus. Bobby advised that students will be staying in their individual programs (no more than 16 students max) and lunch will be limited to approximately 25 students at a time. If a student becomes ill, we will be in immediate contact with our sending schools. Diego asked if masks are mandatory and Bobby confirmed this has been mandated by the Dept of Education. If a student refuses a mask, they will not be allowed to attend school. We will be investing in a number of options for our students including protective shields, polycarbonate shields and different types of masks. Mid-Coast has been allocated \$256,000 in funds to assist us in protecting our students. We plan to purchase a large bus, invest in a second mini-van, air purifiers and special filters for our current filtration system. In our downstairs shops, we have direct air coming in from the outside. The plan is to clean and filter the air as much as possible. Danny asked if there was an isolation room in the school. Bobby advised there is a room off the simulation lab that will be converted into an isolation room. He advised that our plan will be finalized and voted on at the August board meeting.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Pearce, pursuant to Section 405(6)(D) of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, move that the Board enter into executive session for discussion and approval of the Negotiated Agreement with the Region 8 Employees Association 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D)

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 840.55**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Yes</b>
<b>Gorham(11.94): Absent</b>	<b>Hall(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Mrowka(69.62): Absent</b>
<b>Pearce(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>
<b>Thomas(24.58): Yes</b>	<b>Weinand(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

Enter: 7:32 PM

Exit: 7:58 PM

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Duke, to ratify the Negotiated Agreement with the Region 8 Employees Association

Motion approved

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## ADJOURNMENT

Jerry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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Next Board Meeting: August 26, 2020

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Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary