

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
October 28, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on October 28, 2020.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro	John Gorham	(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joseph Steinberger, Loren Andrews*, Gerald Weinand	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Matthew Speno, Danny Jackson, Seth Hall, Randy Kassa	(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.; Scott Browning, Asst Director

Absent – Diego Gutierrez, Marcus Mrowka

*Attended via Zoom

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:03 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 860.76**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular September 23rd board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 848.82

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

FY20 Audit Report

Fred Brewer, Auditor, was present to discuss the FY20 audit report. He reviewed the individual fund financial statements and the balance sheet. Fred discussed the unassigned and assigned fund balances. He reviewed the Statements of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances section of the audit. The construction project was finalized in 2020. He handed out a prior year's summary to discuss the trends of the last thirteen years. Fred discussed the depreciation of the new building and what is necessary to maintain the school in the coming years.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Speno, to approve the FY20 Audit Report as presented

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 860.76

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

October Student Enrollment

Scott Browning reported the enrollment is the highest it has ever been at Mid-Coast. Bobby has been talking with other Directors who are losing students due to scheduling difficulties. Our every other day schedule has worked well for us. Scott reviewed current enrollments by program. Our most popular programs include Welding, Design Tech and Baking and an increasing popularity in Machine Tool. Most all programs are showing an increase in numbers. The total enrollment is 462 students, an increase of about 40 students over last year. Danny asked about a decrease in the overall number of students attending from MVHS. Bobby explained we were not able to do student presentations last spring at MVHS due to the March 16th closing of schools statewide. Kristy Hastings discussed the special populations of students attending Mid-Coast who need accommodations based on their IEP and/or 504 plans. She also discussed the Concurrent/Dual Enrollment agreements with the community colleges that allow students to earn college credits. Kristy explained the differences between Articulation agreements and Concurrent/Dual Enrollment agreements. Scott discussed marketing the programs for 2021-22 and how to attract students via mediums such as social media.

Executive Session

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

Motion approved

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Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

Entered Exec Session: 7:56 PM

Exited Exec Session: 8:11 PM

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to approve a teacher request for 23.5 days from the Sick Bank

Motion approved

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Gutierrez(69.62): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	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 White, seconded by Andrews, to allow a teacher transfer of 20 sick days into the current school year

Motion approved

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Gutierrez(69.62): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for September and October and the September 30th financial report. He reviewed the financial report with the board. Also, the Finance Committee met with the auditor to review the FY20 audit.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to accept and approve the warrants and budget report for September and October

Motion approved

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Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve second reading of Policy DGD – Use of Credit Cards

Motion approved

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Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	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 ACAD – Hazing, AC-R – Grievance Procedure for Persons with Disabilities, ADAA – School System Commitment to Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior, DB – Annual Budget, DBA – Annual Budget Preparation (Delete), DBF – Public Hearing (Delete), EFE – Sales of Food in Competition with the Food Service Program (Delete), JIC – Student Code of Conduct, JICK – Bullying and

Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools, JICK-R – Bullying and Cyberbullying Administrative Procedure

Gerald asked about the changes to Policy JICK.

Motion approved

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Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): 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		

Bill reported the committee is planning on meeting on November 2nd at 6:00 PM.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Seth advised the Committee has begun meeting and elected Seth as Chair of the Committee with Yvonne as secretary. The committee discussed their goals and intentions for coming meetings. The committee plans to meet monthly prior to the board meetings at 5:00 PM. Seth also discussed the bi-annual Program Advisory Committee meetings. Tori expressed her feeling that the committee should bring their ideas to the Board for discussion. Seth explained what he felt the committee might do to assist the board. Gerald asked Bobby to explain how a new program gets approved by the Department of Education. The board discussed the possibility of following up with a visioning workshop to find a direction for the board's various committees.

CHAIR UPDATE

None.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby advised they are dealing with outside Covid 19 cases that are affecting our students. No cases have been reported at Mid-Coast. If our school goes "yellow", we can still continue to operate with a hybrid model with students on site. A "red" scenario means our staff are teaching students remotely from their homes. Seth asked if our students are ready to learn remotely. Bob asked the board if they would like to have a board workshop in November. Yvonne has volunteered to facilitate the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Board Meeting: November 18, 2020

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary