

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
September 23, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on September 23, 2020.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Diego Gutierrez, Marcus Mrowka	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(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.; Jonmikel Pardo, Technology Director; Scott Browning, Asst Director; J Bakley, Teacher

Absent – John Gorham

*Attended via Zoom

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:01 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 754.53**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Add Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C) Update on Legal Status of the Construction Project

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Speno, to approve the Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C)

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 754.53

Andrews(77.82): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Absent	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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): Absent	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

Entered Exec Session: 7:05 PM

Exited Exec Session: 7:16 PM

[Seth Hall & Joe Steinberger arrived 7:12 PM]

RATIFY ACTIONS TAKEN OF ORIGINAL VOTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Jackson, to approve the vote of Matt Speno as Vice-Chair

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 832.35

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

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to approve the vote of Bobby Deetjen as Secretary

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 910.24

Andrews(77.82): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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		

MOTION by Jackson, seconded , to approve the vote of Matt Speno as Chair of Finance Committee

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 832.35

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

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Pearce, to approve the vote of banking services from the First National Bank

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 910.24

Andrews(77.82): Absent	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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		

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to approve the vote of legal services from Drummond Woodsum

Andrews arrived 7:24 PM (via zoom)

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 910.24

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
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Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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): No	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to approve the vote of MSMA as insurance agent

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 988.06

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Speno, to approve the minutes of the regular August 26th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 910.24

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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): Abstain
White(7.49): Yes		

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to approve the minutes of the special September 8th meeting (as amended below)

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 807.84

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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): Abst	Thomas(24.58): Abst	Weinand(77.82): Abst
White(7.49): Yes		

UPDATE ON SCHOOL OPENING

Bobby reported the start of the school year has been exciting for staff and students. Students are willing to comply with the mask rule. The physical distancing has been a challenge. We are continuing to work on this issue and students have been respectful overall. He met with other CTE Directors and reported most other schools are in hybrid models. Many CTE schools have difficult schedules for their students because of the sending schools' schedules. Seth asked about the Adult Education program enrollments. Bobby announced that Governor Mills has allocated another \$164 million in aid to schools. We are beginning the planning process for this third round of funding.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL LITERACY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Bobby introduced J Bakley, Social Studies teacher, who presented his program on financial literacy to the Board. Bobby reported all students participate in the enrichment program. J has found most students know very little about finance or what questions to ask about financial matters. J shared many statistics about how Americans view their financial future. The key to financial literacy is educating students on how to create a financial plan that they can follow. The enrichment program will be a two year process that offers both theory and practice. Year one focuses on teaching the psychology of financial literacy and year two focuses on in-depth exploration of nine areas of financial literacy. The board discussed the future of this type of programming including how students might fit this into their schedules. Bobby is planning on exploring an after school business option with Kennebec Valley Community College. The board agreed the program is worthwhile and supported the continued growth of the curriculum.

SET DATE OF BOARD RETREAT/WORKSHOP

A tentative date of Tuesday, October 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM has been set. Steve Bailey is assisting Bobby and Yvonne in setting the agenda. Joe thought that the setup of the retreat would be important, i.e. structure of the room for communicating with one another.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for August and September and the August 31st financial report. New members were introduced to the duties of the committee. He reviewed the financial report with the board.

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

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 988.06

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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		

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve second reading of Policies BEDI – News Media Services at Board Meetings, CB – School Director and EBCE – School Closings and Cancellations

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 988.06

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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		

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

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 988.06

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94):
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
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 September 28th at 6:00 PM.

CHAIR UPDATE

No update.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

The annual Tech Update is coming up on October 9th. Bobby explained the CTE schools statewide meet twice annually, sponsored by MACTE and MELMAC, and should be a great gathering of teachers and administrators.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next Board Meeting: October 28, 2020

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary