

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING (via Zoom)
November 18, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on November 18, 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	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas*	(24.58)
St. George		(54.68)

Bobby Deetjen, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.; Scott Browning, Asst Director

Absent – Marcus Mrowka, Diego Guterrez, Randy Kassa, Alane Kennedy

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:04 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 703.61**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular October 28th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 703.61

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

Update on Building Occupancy Permit

Bobby reported he and Craig met with the Planning Board Chair and Assistant Code Enforcement Officer regarding the site plan. He worked out an agreement with the Chair and Assistant CEO to add some plantings this coming spring and they will approve our occupancy permit. Bobby will be writing a letter to the Planning Board outlining our agreement for the additional plantings. Seth asked about the timing of the plantings. Bob asked where the additional expense would come out of in the budget.

Executive Session

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

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 703.61

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

Entered Exec Session: 7:10 PM
 [Y Thomas joined the meeting at 7:19 PM]
 Exited Exec Session: 7:46 PM

MOTION by Hall, seconded by White, to approve the Settlement Agreement and General Releases between and among ELCO, Sheridan and the School discussed in Executive Session and to authorize Robert Duke to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School.

Motion approved
Total weighted votes: 482.72

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Abstain
Gutierrez(69.62): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): No
Kassa(77.89): Absent	Kennedy(54.68): Absent	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	Pearce(77.82): Abstain	Speno(77.89): Yes
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): No
White(7.49): Yes		

MOTION by Hall, seconded by Andrews, to approve payment of the settlement from the reserve account

Motion approved
Total weighted votes: 650.3

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Yes
Gutierrez(69.62): Absent	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): No
Kassa(77.89): Absent	Kennedy(54.68): Absent	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 warrant for November and the October 31st financial report. He reviewed the financial report with the board.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by White, to accept and approve the warrants and budget report for November

Motion approved
Total weighted votes: 728.19

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): Absent	Kennedy(54.68): Absent	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		

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve second 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, JIC – Student Code of Conduct, JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools, JICK-R – Bullying and Cyberbullying Administrative Procedure

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 720.7

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): Absent	Kennedy(54.68): Absent	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): Abst.		

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of Policies ACAA-R – Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (Revised), ACAB-R - Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (Revised), EDAA-E - Lockout/Tagout – Safety Lock Removal Request Form (Delete), EEAEAA - Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers (Revised), EEAEAA-R - Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers Administrative Procedure (Revised), EEBB-E - Employee/Parent/Volunteer Personal Vehicle Use Form (Delete), EEBB-E1 - Permission to Ride in Private Vehicle (Delete), FAA - Maintenance and Capital Improvement Program (Delete), GBEC - Drug-Free Workplace (Revised), GBGE-R - Return to Work and Light Duty Procedures (Delete), GBJ - Personnel Records and Files (Delete), GBJA - Domestic Partner Insurance Coverage (Revised), GBJA-R - Definition of Domestic Partnership (Delete)

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 728.19

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): Absent	Kennedy(54.68): Absent	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		

Bill reported the committee is planning on meeting on December 7th at 6:00 PM.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Seth advised the Committee met today and had a general organizational meeting. They discussed their mission as a committee and their relationship with the board. The committee discussed future meetings and plan to meet monthly before the board meeting at 5:00 PM.

CHAIR UPDATE

Bob stated he was pleased that the settlement agreement was passed by the Board.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported that he met with Yvonne to discuss the Mission and Vision planning workshop for the Board. He will do some investigation work on other boards' mission statements and will report back to the board in December. Bobby also advised the students' attendance has been up and down with some Covid cases. Attendance is now improving as parents realize that the schools are very safe environments for students. The first student celebration of the year was held to recognize the Great Works of our students and announce five students of the month. The event was a huge success.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Next Board Meeting: December 18, 2020

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary