

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING (via Zoom)
March 24, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on March 24, 2021

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Diego Guterrez, Marcus Mrowka	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Joseph Steinberger, Loren Andrews, Gerald Weinand	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	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., Scott Browning, Asst Director; Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.; Jonmikel Pardo, Technology Dir; J Bakley & Danica Wooster, teachers

Absent – Matt Speno, John Gorham

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 807.77**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Add Mission & Vision Ad Hoc Committee report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular February 24th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 807.77

Andrews(77.82): Abs	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Abs
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): Abs
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Abs	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

Fence Discussion

Bobby discussed the fence project which was put on hold a year or so ago. He has had discussions with the public, staff and the city about the fence. The questions surround if a fence is still necessary and how to proceed with the project. Several board members felt the fence is not necessary unless there is an issue. Seth asked about vehicles trespassing and protection of the students. Bobby discussed the new protocols surrounding lockdown drills. Bill asked about the issue with dogs trespassing on the property. (Andrews arrived 7:11 PM) Diego asked about security cameras on the building. Seth asked if there is clear signage on the property. Bob brought up the cost of the fence and if any monies could be recovered.

MOTION by Steinberger, seconded by White, to currently not install fencing around the school

Seth asked if the original motion could be amended to include disposal of the fence materials.

MOTION by Steinberger, seconded by White, to amend the original motion to dispose of the fencing material as the Director sees fit

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 885.59

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Abs
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): Abs
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Abs	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

MOTION by Steinberger, seconded by Gutierrez, to currently not install fence around the building

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 885.59

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Abs
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): Abs
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Abs	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

Electrical Project

Bobby reported that there is some unfinished work from the original construction project. The generator work is incomplete. We received a quote from an electrical company of just under \$24,000. Bobby explained the generator can currently power about half of what we need powered. The heat pumps and lighting is being connected to the generator. Seth asked if the generator can handle the additional load. Bobby advised the original generator could not handle the load but the generator was upgraded during construction. The upgrade connection work, however, was not completed during construction.

Future Meetings Format

Bobby advised Danny asked about having in-person meetings going forward. The CDC is still recommending spacing of six feet apart and masking. Danny's main reason for bringing up this issue is that teachers and students are now in the buildings. Loren felt the board should plan to return in May. Tori feels that the board should conform to CDC recommendations and meet in person. Joe felt it may not be safe for the board to be in the building as it may make students unsafe. He prefers not to meet in person until the masks can be removed. Marcus would like to see the board meet as a community in a central location. Seth advised that the board may be safer than they think as many board members are vaccinated. Alane advised her board has had this discussion and she doesn't want to see the board do a hybrid model in the meantime. Seth asked if the board can table this discussion until next month. Bob felt the board can tentatively plan to meet in May in-person and make a decision in April.

Board Review of Emergency Management Plan

Bobby advised the board needs to review the emergency management plan each year.

MOTION by White, seconded by Andrews, to approve the Emergency Management Plan

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 885.59

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Abs
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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): Abs
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Abs	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

Board Review of Policy IHDC

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to approve Policy IHDC

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 885.59

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Abs
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): Abs
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Abs	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Bob reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for February and March and the February 28th financial report.

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to accept and approve the warrants and budget reports for February and March

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 885.59

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Abs
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): Abs
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Abs	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

Bob advised the committee discussed the undesignated fund balance and the creation of a debt service reserve account to help cover the annual debt service payment.

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to approve establishment of a Debt Service Reserve account to be funded by the undesignated reserve account in the amount of \$250,000 and transfer \$250,000 to the Equipment Reserve account

Seth suggested the board vote on the motion in April and retracted his second to the motion. Bob will put this item on the April board meeting agenda. (Thomas arrived 7:45 PM)

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson to approve first reading of Policy BDE– Board Standing Committees (revised)

Joseph asked about the distinction between a committee and a standing committee. Tori explained the policy differentiates between standing committees and ad hoc committees.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 910.17

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Abs
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): Abs
Steinberger(77.82): Yes	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tori reported that the Director’s evaluation form is being worked on by the committee. The form will be online and the results go directly to the board chair. The board will receive the draft document at the April board meeting.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Seth reported the committee met about review of existing evaluation materials for Program Advisory Committees. Joseph added that students are welcome to attend board meetings and committee meetings. An invitation was also extended to the teacher’s association.

MISSION/VISION AD HOC COMMITTEE

Yvonne advised the committee met this afternoon and went through a timeline and work plan. The first part of the work is research- looking at other mission and vision statements and national trends. The second part will be engaging students, staff and community in the process. Also discussed were values, work around an equity statement and a plan to keep the board updated monthly. Ways to engage the community by the end of this calendar year was also discussed by the committee.

CHAIR UPDATE

No report.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported that Kristy is in the middle of student recruitment. They set a goal to interview every student applying to Mid-Coast. Scott has been sitting in on the meetings and Bobby has also attended a few interviews. He finds the passion of the students very encouraging. There have been three hundred applications and Kristy has interviewed seventy-seven students to date. The students are taking the interviews very seriously. Some of the teaching staff have sat in on interviews for their programs. Bobby reported that three hundred applications is a big number at this time of the year. Danny asked about when slots open up to all students. Bobby advised that May 15th is typically that date each year. Seth asked if students get turned away as the school cannot accept everyone. Bobby advised that students are guided into other programs if the program they desire is filled. Seth asked how many students get accepted and how many are turned away. Bobby reported it varies from year to year. Last year, welding was popular and about fifteen students had to accept their second choice programs. Bobby has been working with the town of Thomaston and the community college system setting up a true apprenticeship program with Lyman Morse and Mid-Coast. Bobby explained what a true apprenticeship program entails - a two year program with 2,000 hours. He hopes this leads to other industry apprenticeship programs. Bobby has also been discussing with the Maine community college system setting up training such as Yamaha University. Bobby met with representatives from the Camden Rotary about offering certifications in house such as tele-health and tele-communication. We are meeting with KVCC to talk about potential electric vehicle certification. Central Maine Auto is spearheading the effort with KVCC. Mid-Coast will not receive monies from the federal government as the funds are dispersed via the Title I formula. A former MCST teacher, Richard Irving, passed away last month and Bobby is working with the teacher’s association on possibly creating a scholarship in Richard’s name. Jonmikel advised that the

reporting component on the solar panels is not working. The solar company is working on ordering the component so that we can get back online and hopefully retrieve the data.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Next Board Meeting: April 28, 2021

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary