

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**August 25, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on August 25, 2021

**Those in attendance were:**

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Marcus Mrowka	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Joseph Steinberger*	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Seth Hall, Randy Kassa, Matthew Speno	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	( 7.49)
SAD 8		(24.58)
St. George	Alane Kennedy	(54.68)

Bobby Deetjen, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr.; Scott Browning, Asst Director; Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.; J Bakley, Teacher; Stephen Betts, Sue Stewart, Teacher

\*Attended via Zoom

**Absent** – Loren Andrews, Yvonne Thomas, Quixada Moore-Vissing, Bill Pearce, Diego Gutierrez, Nakomis Nelson

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

1. Chair, Bob Duke, began the reorganization meeting at 7:00 P.M.

**Total weighted votes: 582.51**

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

2. *Nomination and Election of the Board Chair*

MOTION by White, seconded by Speno, to nominate Bob Duke as Board Chair

Action: Bob Duke elected Chair

**Total weighted votes: 512.89**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Abstain</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Absent</b>
<b>Hall(77.89): Absent</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Nelson(11.94): Absent</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>
<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>		

3. *Nomination and Election of the Vice-Chair*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to nominate Matt Speno as Vice-Chair

[Hall arrived 7:05 PM]

Action: Matt Speno elected Vice-Chair

**Total weighted votes: 582.51**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Absent</b>
<b>Hall(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Nelson(11.94): Absent</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Speno(77.89): Abstain</b>	<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>
<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>		

*4. Nomination of Board Secretary*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to nominate Bobby Deetjen as Secretary

Action: Bobby Deetjen elected as Secretary

**Total weighted votes: 660.4**

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

*5. Nomination and Election of the Chair of Finance Committee*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Hall, to nominate Matt Speno as Chair of Finance Committee

Action: Matt Speno elected Chair of Finance Committee

**Total weighted votes: 582.51**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Abs</b>
<b>Hall(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Nelson(11.94): Absent</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Speno(77.89): Abstain</b>	<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>
<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>		

*6. Reorganization of Committees – Appointments*

No Action (Board Members to request committee assignments)

*7. Designation of Depositories*

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to continue to use the banking services of the First National Bank

Action: Motion Passed

**Total weighted votes: 660.4**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Absent</b>
<b>Hall(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Nelson(11.94): Absent</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>

<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>		
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8. Designation of Legal Counsel

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to continue to retain the services of Drummond Woodsum for legal counsel

Action: Motion Passed

**Total weighted votes: 582.58**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Absent</b>
<b>Hall(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Nelson(11.94): Yes</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Steinberger(77.82): No</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>
<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>		

9. Designation of Insurance Agent

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to designate Maine School Management Association as Insurance Agent

Action: Motion Passed

**Total weighted votes: 660.4**

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

10. Adjournment

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to adjourn the Reorganization meeting

Action: Motion Passed

**Total weighted votes: 660.4**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Abs</b>
<b>Hall(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Nelson(11.94): Yes</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>
<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>		

The reorganization meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:13 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 660.4**

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**ADJUSTMENTS – None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular June 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 660.4**

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

**BOARD NOMINATION TO MSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

Bobby reported we need to nominate a delegate and alternate for the assembly being held in September and the full meeting in October.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Kassa, to nominate Matt Speno as delegate and Alane Kennedy as alternate to the Delegate Assembly

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 660.4**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Abs</b>
<b>Hall(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Yes</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Nelson(11.94): Absent</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>
<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>		

**PROPOSED BOARD RESOLUTION**

Joe explained he put the proposal forward to get board feedback about the resolution.

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to accept the resolution as presented by Joe Steinberger

Joe read aloud the resolution to the Board. Seth asked Joe why the board should consider this resolution. Seth also asked about the logistics of visiting the school and talking to staff and students. Joe felt members of the board could arrange to come in and visit the school as appropriate. Tori has issues with the resolution and agrees that the board represents the community that the school serves but disagrees with the remainder of the resolution. Danny is against the resolution because this resolution violates at least four of the Board’s policies (Code of Ethics, Board-Director Relationship, School Director, and Visitors to the School) and read the corresponding language in violation to the board members. Marcus agrees that Bobby is the only staff person who is supervised by the Board. He also felt there are appropriate ways to interact with the school and staff and board members don’t need a resolution to do so. Seth asked Bobby to give his input. Bobby felt there are ways to educate board members on how the school functions. Alane feels that serving on board committees gives you a doorway to the school structure. Tori suggested having a student board member to gain a student’s perspective. Seth suggested inviting faculty and students to a board meeting (or before a board meeting) to meet and socialize. Joe expressed disappointment in the board’s response to his resolution.

Motion failed

**Total weighted votes: 77.82**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Absent</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): No</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Absent</b>
<b>Hall(77.89): No</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): No</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): No</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): No</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): No</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): No</b>	<b>Nelson(11.94): Absent</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Absent</b>
<b>Speno(77.89): No</b>	<b>Steinberger(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>
<b>White(7.49): No</b>		

#### **NOMINATION FOR STIPEND POSITIONS**

Bobby advised that a revised memo was sent to board members with a correction to one instructor's stipend.

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Hall, to approve the 2021-22 Stipend Positions as presented with the one revision

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 660.4**

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

#### **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT REGIONAL RESULTS**

Bobby reported that more than half of our sending schools have approved the Cooperative Agreement and we are waiting on three more schools' results. However the results indicate that the agreement as amended has passed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **FINANCE**

##### **Warrants and Budget**

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for June, July and August and the June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> financial reports.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Jackson, to accept and approve the warrants for June, July and August and budget reports for June and July.

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 660.4**

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

#### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to approve second reading of Policy BEDA – Bylaws (Revised)

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 660.4**

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

#### **CHAIR UPDATE**

Bob reported on a teacher from Mid-Coast who he ran into at Home Depot helping a student pick out tools to head to college. He was very impressed with her actions (Danica Wooster).

#### **DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Bobby reported that Mid-Coast will be opening the school year wearing masks but is hopeful that this may change over time. The DOE and the CDC are asking for our school to report staff vaccination rates monthly. The majority of the electrical issues have been addressed but there are still electrical and data drops that need to be resolved. Kristy and Bobby attended the annual MACTE summer conference in Bangor. Three Commissioners attended the conference along with two State Representatives. Bobby has been working with St George on developing their K – 8 CTE Building. Bobby will continue to serve on the State Board of Education CTE Committee for another year. All of our vacant positions have been filled. Randy asked Bobby to explain the DOE request for vaccination status of our staff. Bobby will be sending out an anonymous survey to staff on a monthly basis and submit to the state who sends to the CDC. Seth asked if this information is public data and Bobby advised we have been told it is not public information.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Next Board Meeting: September 22, 2021

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Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary