

NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III

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NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING Monday, November 25, 2024

MINUTES

- A. Chairperson Patsy Saba called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Patsy Saba, Kevin Gregory, Diana Lambert, Crystal Willette, Jasmine Folster, Don Raymond, Nancy Bourgoyne, Diane Buck, Warren Steward, Marie Hernandez

Members Absent Excused: Patricia Nobel

Members Absent Unexcused:

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Steward moved and Mr. Raymond seconded approving the minutes of the October 21, 2024 Cooperative Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Unanimous

C. **AUDIENCES & COMMUNICATIONS:**

D. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

E. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on November 25, 2024. **The Accounts Payable Warrant** and bills were reviewed and signed for Region III totaling **\$102,184.67** Larger items (\$2,000.00 or more): Anthem BCBS, Bangor Savings Bank, Dead River, Motorbrain, School Nutrition Program, Versant Power. Also reviewed and signed were **Payroll Warrants** for **11/05/2024** in the amount of **\$51,137.34** for **11/19/2024** in the amount of **\$55,318.50**.

A **Student Activity Warrant** in the amount of **\$1,592.50** was reviewed and signed. A **School Nutrition Warrant** in the amount of **\$6,829.70** was reviewed and signed.

F. **Old Business:** NONE

G. **New Business**

1. Discussion and Possible Action to allow the Director to spend up to \$65,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance for the purchase of a school van.

Ms. Folster moved and Mr. Raymond seconded allowing the Director to spend up to \$65,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance for the purchase of a school van.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ring gave the board information he had received regarding the purchase of a school van.

VOTE: Unanimous

Report of the Director

1. On November 11, Region III hosted the annual Veterans' Breakfast for regional veterans and their families. Although I could not attend the event this year, it was reported to me that the event was a great success, with over 150 people in attendance. My thanks to all the students and staff members who volunteered for this worthwhile event.
2. On December 3, I will be meeting with regional principals to discuss topics of interest, including the new state law that permits CTE students to receive core credits for work done in their Region III programs. Because principals award graduation credits, this is a very important conversation to have.
3. On December 11, Adam Provost from CreativeStir will be coming to Region III to meet with the faculty. Adam is the person who we have contracted with to assist with our marketing and recruiting efforts. Adam specializes in social media marketing and tracking. He has also contracted with Maine CTE to rebrand the state CTE image and increase statewide recruiting efforts.
4. On November 14, I met with a representative from NewsCenter to start planning a new vignette that will feature Region III on the NewsCenter Works4ME platform. The last time they were here was in 2021, and the video they produced about our school was very well-received. They are very impressed by our school and what we do, so they want to produce another video that will be shown on their newscast in the near future.
5. As previously discussed, I will be sending a few students out for Work-Based Learning experiences soon after Christmas break. Several students have been recommended for this opportunity. My next steps will be to meet with the students and their parents to come up with a plan for each student based upon their interests and availability.
6. As has been the practice in previous years, I invite any new board member to attend a workshop detailing the budget process at Region III including;
 - a. Funding sources
 - b. How our subsidy is calculated
 - c. Our budget process

The workshop will likely be offered in late January or early February, depending upon when we receive our subsidy document from the DOE.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

H1. Report of the Dean of Students

MELMAC Funded College/Career Aspirations Activities:

- 10/17 EMCC Open House (30)
- 11/01 UMFK Open House (2)
- 11/13 Trades for ME, Dexter ME (5)

MELMAC Non-Funded College/Career Aspirations Activities

- 10/17 5 students in the Business program passed the NRF RISE Up Business of Retail Exam to earn credentials
- 10/18 & 25 Financial Friday (Basic Banking) 30 & 3
- 10/21 & 22 National Guard Leadership Challenge (60) including instructors/staff!
- 10/23 MJHS Tours Region 3 (60)
- 10/24 Guidance Counselor Luncheon
- 10/25 Children's Halloween Party and fundraiser for SkillsUSA
- 10/31 Law Enforcement Students presented to all EPB students a Halloween Safety Program
- 11/4 & 5 Bancroft Contracting met with interested students
- 11/6 Outdoor Leadership to Pleasant River Lumber
- 11/6 & 7 Student Assemblies
- 11/12 & 13 Outdoor- National Guard Winter Survival Training

Upcoming Events

- 11/12 EMCC rep will meet with interested students
- 11/16 Region III Craft Fair (SkillsUSA fundraiser)
- 11/18 & 19 Northeast Paving
- 11/20 FAFSA ID Night
- 11/25 WCCC Visit
- 12/11 Barker Business Services will meet with the Business students to discuss topics related to starting/owning your own business
- Looking into future implementation of Level All college and career readiness platform

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements were read.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lambert moved and Mr. Raymond seconded the motion to adjourn.

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Unanimous

Adjournment at: 7:02 pm