

NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III

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NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING Monday, October 21, 2024

MINUTES

A. Chairperson Patsy Saba called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Patsy Saba, Kevin Libby, Kevin Gregory, Diana Lambert, Crystal Willette, Jasmine Folster, Patricia Nobel, Don Raymond, Nancy Bourgoyne, Ryan Whitehouse, Diane Buck, Warren Steward, Christian Ireland

Members Absent Excused: Julie Hewke

Members Absent Unexcused:

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mrs. Buck moved and Mr. Raymond seconded approving the minutes of the September 25, 2024 Cooperative Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Unanimous

C. **AUDIENCES & COMMUNICATIONS:** Wayne Danforth was honored for his 49 years of service to the NPT Region III Cooperative Board

D. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** Item #2 was moved to Audience and Communications

E. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on October 21, 2024. **The Accounts Payable Warrant** and bills were reviewed and signed for Region III totaling **\$123,012.96** Larger items (\$2,000.00 or more): American Steel & Aluminum, Anthem BCBS, Bangor Savings Bank, Machias Savings Bank, Maine School Board Association, Motorbrain, Reality Works, Versant Power. Also reviewed and signed were **Payroll Warrants** for **10/08/2024** in the amount of **\$50,917.77** for **10/22/2024** in the amount of **\$50,676.08**. A **Student Activity Warrant** in the amount of **\$0.00** was reviewed and signed. A **School Nutrition Warrant** in the amount of **\$4,270.62** was reviewed and signed.

F. Old Business: NONE

G. New Business

1. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the NPT Region III Emergency Plan.

Ms. Folster moved and Mrs. Buck seconded approving the NPT Region III Emergency Plan

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Unanimous

Report of the Director

1. Now that our website is complete, we will begin our social media marketing campaign. As previously stated, we are using Perkins grant money to work with Adam Provost from CreativeStir to head our rebranding efforts. One of the recommendations from the DOE after our Comprehensive School Review is to increase our marketing and recruiting efforts using technology, such as a new website and increased social media presence. We are well on our way to doing that.

2. Speaking of the Comprehensive School Review, I still have not received our report from the DOE that details the three-day review we had last March. I have been assured that the report is nearly finished, and we will receive it soon.

3. The annual MACTE Fall Conference was held in Lewiston on October 11, 2024. Besides the Tech Updates for each CTE program statewide, we were able to attend breakout sessions on several topics of interest to CTE schools, such as manufacturing, Tourism, Trades and Technical Education, and how students can earn core credits toward high school graduation through work in CTE schools.

4. On October 8, 2024, I met with regional superintendents to discuss Title 20-A, Section 8457. This new law requires CTE Regions to include a statement in their Cooperative Agreements that awards core credits for a high school diploma to be earned through work done in a CTE program. All the superintendents in attendance were very supportive of this endeavor. I will be meeting with high school principals soon to discuss specific credits that can be earned through many of our programs.

5. I have been informed that there will be a new opportunity to apply for some remaining Maine Jobs and Recovery Program funds. How much money is available and what it can be used for are still unknown. According to representatives from the DOE, directors will be given that information by the end of November.

6. On October 24, 2024, I will be traveling to UTC in Bangor with a couple of our teachers to meet with representatives from the DOE about Chapter 115, which describes the pathways teachers in Maine must follow to receive their professional certifications. CTE teachers are often required to overcome very difficult obstacles to get their official teaching

credentials from Maine. Some of our teachers are no exception. The DOE is willing to sit down with these teachers and directors to try and come up with solutions to the certification problem. As difficult as it is for CTE schools to get applicants for open teaching positions, the state should not be putting obstacles in the paths of people that have offered to leave their professions and teach the skills of the trades to high school students.

7. The first of our annual Program Advisory Committee meetings will take place on October 16 & 17, 2024. Advisory Committees are state-mandated groups that meet with CTE teachers periodically throughout the year to advise on topics such as industry trends, program needs and employment opportunities for graduating students. These meetings are always useful and important to help keep our programs relevant and up to date with trends and equipment.

H1. Report of the Dean of Students October Student Report

- 09/19 NEACAC College Fair at UMaine (28)
- 09/26 Parent Night @ 6pm
- 09/25 EMCC visited (30)
- 10/10 Maine Construction Career Days, Bath (12)
- 10/17 EMCC Open House (28)

Upcoming

- Financial Fridays will be starting Oct 18th, it will be 2 Fridays a month
- 10/21 & 10/22 National Guard Chamberlain Challenge
- 10/23 MJHS 8th Grade Visit
- 10/24 Guidance Counselor Luncheon
- 10/25 SkillsUSA Fundraiser- Halloween Party
- 11/4 & 11/5 Bancroft Contracting
- 11/5 & 11/6 1st Quarter Assemblies

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements were read.

J. ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Folster moved and Mr. Raymond seconded the motion to adjourn.

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Unanimous

Adjournment at: 7:11 pm