

# NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III

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## NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING Wednesday, March 23, 2022

### MINUTES

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

**Members Present:** Diana Lambert, Kevin Gregory, Warren Steward, Wayne Danforth, Mike Jewers, Donald Raymond, Patsy Saba, Loree Libby, Dianne Buck, Jasmine Folster, Rowena Clukey, Ryan Whitehouse

**Members Absent Excused:** Priscilla Clark, Mary Tompkins Richard Angotti, Mary Plourde,

**Members Absent Unexcused:**

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mrs. Buck moved and Mrs. Lambert seconded approving the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Cooperative Board Meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** NONE

**VOTE:** Unanimous

C. **AUDIENCES & COMMUNICATIONS:**

- D. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** Move items H and H1 prior to Item #3

E. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee met on March 23rd **The Accounts Payable Warrant** and bills were reviewed and signed for Region III totaling **\$99,772.59** Larger items (\$2,000.00 or more): Anthem BCBS, Bangor Savings Bank, Dead River, Inc, Motorbrain, School Nutrition Program, Select Designs & Embroidery, Versant Power Also reviewed and signed were **Payroll Warrants** for **03/01/2022** in the amount of **\$47,799.69** for **03/15/2022** in the amount of **\$53,106.14**. A **Student Activity Warrant** in the amount of **\$5,103.01** was reviewed and signed. A **School Nutrition Warrant** in the amount of **\$3,912.91** was reviewed and signed.

**Negotiations Committee:** Mr. Gregory reported that the committee met with the Teacher's Association once. They did not come to an agreement. There will be another session scheduled soon.

- F. **Old Business:** NONE

G. **New Business**

**1. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Childcare Provider Program for the 2023-2024 school year.**

Mr. Jewers moved and Mr. Steward seconded approving the Childcare Provider Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Folster and Mr. Arthers discussed a new program being introduced at Katahdin Higher Education for childcare and thought it would be a good partnership.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**2. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Firefighting Program for the 2023-2024 school year.**

Mr. Jewers moved and Mr. Steward seconded approving the Firefighting Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

**DISCUSSION:** The firefighting and EMT are a good combination. Questions were asked about any certifications that come with the firefighting program.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**3. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Directors**

**Evaluation/Contract.** *Executive session recommended pursuant to M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) Evaluation of officials/appointees/employees.*

Mrs. Clukey moved and Mr. Gregory seconded going into executive session regarding the Directors evaluation/contract.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimous

Time In: 7:04pm

Time Out: 7:24pm

Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Directors Evaluation/Contract.  
Mr. Whitehouse moved and Mrs. Clukey seconded approving the Directors Evaluation/Contract.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**H. Report of the Director:**

1. We will be traveling to Bangor for the state SkillsUSA competition this Friday. The rules about masks and traveling between contests have relaxed, so students should have a much better experience. The competition is still closed to the public, but most of our students are competing in person this year.
2. On Thursday evening, we will have dinner for our SkillsUSA competitors. We won't be staying in a hotel or taking our students out to a restaurant, so this is the best we can do. The opening ceremonies will be broadcast online, so we will watch while we eat.

3. SkillsUSA Week was a great success. Programs competed against each other in contests such as bridge building, a scavenger hunt and a school-wide Cahoot. The winning program was Automotive. The coin drive raised almost \$1400 for the SkillsUSA account.
4. Plans are going ahead for a fund raising auction. We will send out requests to local businesses for donations by the end of March. Our plan is to have an in-person auction in the open area in May. If that can't happen, we will have an in-person auction in one of our back buildings with the garage doors open.
5. The flip book is complete and on our website. The NewsCenter video is also on the website. NewsCenter has sent us two more (shorter) videos, and we will get them on the website and the Facebook page as soon as possible.
6. The application for Firefighter is finished and approved by the DOE. Both programs are on the March agenda for approval. I will need to submit the minutes from the March meeting to the DOE for their final approval, then we will be able to run those programs, with new program funding, starting in the 2023-2024 school year. We will run the Firefighter program without state funding in the 2022-2023 school year.
7. I have met with area superintendents about the regional calendar. There are no changes from last year's calendar. I will put it on the agenda for approval in the April meeting.

#### **H1. Report of Student Services Coordinator**

- Planned College/Work-Related Visits and Events:
  - March 18<sup>th</sup> - Skills USA at UTC
  - March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – WCCC (Diane St. Pierre)
  - March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> - Sargent's Construction
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> – Bath Iron Works
  
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Graders we visited in February made their visits to Region 3 last week, where they were split up into touring groups and visited each of the Programs. The presentations done by the teachers were done very well and provided students with ample information. We then had some pizza for lunch and they filled out a follow-up survey before returning to their sending schools. We had 115 students tour with us, not including Stearns H. S., who have chosen to send interested students to Region 3 through our “Buddy Program”. I have included a copy of those assignments that only shows projected numbers for each of the programs, including current students who intend to return next year. We are having all students who eventually sign up for Region 3 for next school year to attend a “Step-Up Day” on May 12<sup>th</sup> to visit with their program for the day.
  
- During the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be visiting the Eighth Graders from the sending school, except for Stearns Middle School. We will give classes an overview of our school and invite them to come on a visit to Region 3 during the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>.

- We inducted 5 new National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) during two separate ceremonies for each day. The 18 other members of NTHS assisted in the ceremonies, along with Mr. Ring and Mr. Arthers. They all received a Stole and Tassel to wear at their Graduation.
  
- Mr. Trapier has begun the “Resiliency Training” for interested students and some students we have chosen to participate for a variety of reasons. This training is designed to give students, struggling with stress for any reason, tools to deal with those issues. Last week the group completed a Pre-Assessment and after several sessions they will complete a Post –Assessment.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements were read.

**J. ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Clukey moved and Mrs. Lambert seconded the motion to adjourn.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Adjournment at:** 7:26 pm