

Report of Director
Board Back up
July 24, 2017 Meeting

1. You will notice that the Tallying of Votes for the 2017/2018 Budget is not on your July 25th agenda. The reason is because Drew Plantation has not voted nor set a date to vote. To date, all other member units have voted in the affirmative. State statute requires that the Cooperative Board call a special meeting to tally the results of the budget votes “within 5 days after the last unit in the region has voted on the budget.” 20-A MRSA Section 8461(2)(A). Once Drew Plantation votes I will call a special meeting to tally the votes.
2. Information regarding the two bomb threats initiated on June 13th and June 14th will be included in your board packet. We can discuss at our board meeting if you wish.
3. On Sunday, June 18, 2017, six students, Chef Ammerman, Culinary Arts Instructor and Rick Smart, EMT Instructor boarded a plane to Louisville, Kentucky for the 2017 National SkillsUSA competition. Our Skills USA National Competitors did very well in Louisville. A copy of how they placed was reported in the Lincoln News which we have also included in your board packet.
4. June 30th: The annual Perkins Grant Application has been completed and submitted for 2017/2018 in the amount of \$53,438. As always completing this grant application requires time and lots of writing. And as always I am very happy when it is finally completed. Funds from this grant will provide financing for a new van, specialized program software/equipment, staff development, stipends for our teaching staff and an Ed Tech.
5. Just an FYI that I recently extended an invitation out to Tom Brennan the Senior Natural Resource Manager for Nestle Waters North America Inc. of Poland Spring, to meet with me and tour our school. Tom accepted the invitation and toured our school on June 8th and met with me for about an hour. It was exciting to talk with Tom about forming a new partnership that would be very beneficial to Poland Springs, our students and the communities we serve.

Last week Tom contacted me regarding using our open area on Saturday, July 29th from 10 to 11:30 in order to provide a public update on the status of this project with an opportunity for people to ask questions. Tom, Heather Printup, Community Relations Manager and Matt Reynolds (Drumlin Environment, LLC) who has led the hydrogeologic investigation will be in attendance.

6. July 12th: I met with the Negotiations Committee to discuss several agenda items. We reviewed the Student Services Coordinators contract and revised two areas. We added two personal days and included language stating the two year term of this contract included the first year as a probationary year. Also discussed language in the Teacher Agreement regarding stipends for Curriculum work and salary for the new Registered Medical Assistant Clinical Instructor. The Committee plans to meet again the first week in August to discuss another matter.
7. July 17th: I am pleased to bring Rachel Cyr to the board for approval as our new Health Science Careers (RMA Clinical Track) Instructor. Rachel brings a wealth of healthcare knowledge with her including an Associate of Science Degree in Medical Assisting from Beal College and an Emergency Medical Technician Certification from Eastern Maine Community College. Rachel is excited about teaching and eager to begin her new position.

A meeting in the near future is being planned to meet with staff from our area healthcare facilities to introduce Rachel as well as discuss ideas that will improve curriculum, student performance and internship opportunities.

Please don't forget the July Board Meeting has been changed from the regular date of July 26th to Monday, July 24th due to the MACTE conference that I will be attending which runs through July 27th. I hope all of you are able to enjoy this summer weather and I look forward to seeing you at the board meeting on **Monday, July 24th**. ☺

"Students don't care what you know, until they know that you care." Unknown