

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, Title 20A, Section 8452, a cooperative board shall administer a technical and adult education delivery system for Maine Vocational Region No. 7 in Waldo County.

Bylaws shall consist of series "B" in the cooperative board's policy-manual--"Board Governance and Operations".

Representation to the cooperative board is allocated as follows:

RSU #3: 3 members: one of whom may be at-large

RSU #20: 2 members: one of whom may be at-large

RSU#71: 4 members: one of whom may be at-large

Definitions

REGULAR MEMBER -- an elected member of an RSU board of directors, appointed as that District's representative to the cooperative board.

AT-LARGE MEMBER -- a citizen appointed to the cooperative board by the RSU board of directors. An at-large member does not have to be a member of the RSU board of directors.

Each participating District board shall elect from its membership its representatives for a term of two (2) years. This election shall be carried out at the annual organizational meeting held in the respective RSUs. Members at-large will be appointed by each school administrative district annually and prior to July 1 for a term of three (3) years.

Members-at-large may be sought through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, public notification through the press. Members shall be sought who, in the opinion of the respective RSUs reflect the best interests of Region No. 7 students and technical education in general.

In the event that a vacancy should occur on the cooperative board, the respective member RSU board shall appoint another regular or at-large member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term or until the next RSU election. The cooperative board shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair and any other officers deemed necessary.

The superintendent of schools of the participating RSUs shall be members of the cooperative board, but shall not have voting powers. They shall serve as an advisory committee to the cooperative board.

Legal Reference: TITLE 20A MRSA, SECTIONS 8451-8468

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