

**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting
Falmouth, Maine
February 2, 2017**

Board Present: Diane St. Lawrence (Chairperson), Laurel Kelly, Michelle Ames, Jason White, John Shattuck, Don Miller, Samantha Hebert, Debbie Camire

Board Excused: Joan Toy (Vice Chair), Roxanne Baker, Frances Frost, David Gaul, Fran Jacques, Taylor Gagnon

Administration: David Sherry, John Jones, Traci Drake, Karen Hopkins, Angie Bruno

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: none

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 5, 2017

Debbie Camire motioned to approve the minutes of January 5, 2017 as amended. Samantha Hebert seconded.

Vote: 6 in favor 0 opposed 2 abstentions (John Shattuck, Don Miller)

VI. HIGHLIGHTS OF FY18 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION –

Executive Director & Business Manager: A thorough review of the proposed FY18 budget was given and questions were answered.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- There is a possibility of a collaboration with Pine Tree Society.
- We received a resignation from Lenore Boerner, our ASL teacher in Portland.
- MECDHH is hosting the Jr. NAD Convention.
- A meeting in Augusta was held with Jan Breton of DOE, Roy Fowler of CDS and Chris Michaud of CDS to discuss the future of our organization, financial support, certification, fiscal responsibility of the regional programs, etc.
- An update was given on the formation of the Percival Baxter Foundation for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Debbie Camire motioned to accept the resignation of Lenore Boerner. Don Miller seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

Other key points of the Executive Director's Report were covered. A copy is enclosed in the Executive Director's office.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Strategic Planning Committee met to review a draft strategic plan that was a compilation of: staff feedback, focus areas and goals developed by the Leadership Team, a timeline, and SMART goals. The committee accepted the work.

David handed out the most recent version of the mission/vision statement with crossovers and codes.

The Board Development Committee will meet on March 2 at 4:00 followed by a Finance Committee meeting at 4:30.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Don Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM. Debbie Camire seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Board Approved: March 9, 2017