

**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting
Falmouth, Maine
March 3, 2016**

Board Present: Diane St. Lawrence (Chair), Joan Toy (Vice Chair), Roxanne Baker, Michelle Ames, Don Miller, David Gaul, Jason White, Debbie Camire, Frances Frost, Laurel Kelly, John Shattuck, Samantha Hebert

Board Excused: Fran Jacques, Taylor Gagnon

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

Guests: Darlene Hutchins, Terry Morrell

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:09PM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Existing Board members, new Board members and MECDHH/GBSD administration all introduced themselves and gave their background information.

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: none

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 4, 2016

Joan Toy motioned to approve the minutes of February 4, 2016 as amended. Roxanne Baker seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed 5 abstentions (Joan Toy, Jason White, Samantha Hebert, John Shattuck, Michelle Ames)

VI. Public Comment: Joan Toy motioned that there be a public comment so that the guests who just arrived could speak. Laurel Kelly seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor 0 opposed

Darlene Hutchins and Terry Morrell, representatives of Maine Association of the Deaf, suggested that a video or blog be created about the Executive Director search. They also offered assistance with the search.

VII. FINANCIAL UPDATE: A brief financial/budget review was given.

Joan Toy motioned to adjust the agenda so that the Executive Director's Report

preceded the dinner break. Roxanne Baker seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor 0 opposed

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Some updates:

- The bill for private fundraising, LD1469, was passed
- We heard from Portland Public Schools that our students will be able to attend East End Community School
- The commissioner is coming for a walk through of the facilities
- Our recent webinar on literacy had a 109 in attendance
- The MOU with CDS is being worked on

Key points of the Executive Director's Report were covered. This report is enclosed and filed in the Executive Director's office.

DINNER/BREAK

IX. PUBLIC SCHOOL OUTREACH BUDGET REVIEW: A review of the budget and slideshow were given about the Public School Outreach Program.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Policy Committee The committee met to review two policies: medical marijuana in school and individuals responsible for purchasing and contracting federal funds are held to a code of conduct.
- Strategic Planning Committee The committee discussed the areas that committee members and staff felt needed to be addressed in the revised Strategic Plan.

It will be announced which committee(s) will meet prior to the next Board meeting of March 24.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Executive Director Search
Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A)

Joan Toy motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director search Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A). Don Miller seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor 0 opposed

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:38PM.

Public Session resumed at 8:25PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Don Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM. Deb Camire seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor 0 opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

Board Approved: March 25, 2016