

**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting
Falmouth, Maine
September 10, 2015**

Board Present: Diane St. Lawrence (Chair), Joan Toy (Vice Chair), Laurel Kelly, Fran Jacques, David Gaul, Don Miller, Debbie Camire, Frances Frost

Board Excused: Jason White, Roxanne Baker

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:08PM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: It was announced that the Deaf Culture Tea will be held on September 17 at the State House in Augusta. A teacher and student will be recognized at the tea. Representative Farnsworth will visit MECDHH/GBSD on September 14. The Deaf Culture Festival will be held on September 26.

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: none

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 20, 2015:

Joan Toy motioned to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015. Don Miller seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed 2 abstentions (Fran Jacques, Debbie Camire)

VI. RECOMMENDATION TO ATTEND MSBA CONFERENCE: The discussion about attendance at the annual fall conference of MSMA was tabled so that costs could be assessed.

VII. BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Joan toy motioned to adjust the agenda to move agenda item VIII to item IX and move the dinner break until after the Board addresses item VIII and IX. David Gaul seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT/Opening of School Report: An overview of the different departments and their programs and activities was given.

IX. STAFF NOMINATION- Preschool Teacher: David Gaul motioned that the Executive Director's nomination of Bethany McLaughlin as Preschool Teacher be approved. Debbie Camire seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

DINNER/BREAK

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: A meeting was held by the Finance Committee and it was determined that a closer look at the budget is needed. The possibility of MECDHH/GBSD borrowing from a bank is being considered. The high costs of maintenance was brought up. A subcommittee may be formed to come up with recommendations. The Finance Committee will meet again on October 1.

XI. BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Board members watched training videos on both Freedom of Access and Gender Equity.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Joan Toy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39PM. Debbie Camire seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39PM.

Board Approved: October 1, 2015