



**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting, Falmouth, Maine
December 6, 2018**

Board Present: Terry Morrell, Roxanne Baker, Michelle Ames, Amber Oakes, Robin Foster, Anna Perna
Board Absent/Offsite: Amber Oakes, Zoom
Administration: OJ Logue, Karen Hopkins, Rebecca Falbo
Board Applicant: Lisette Belanger
New Staff: Christine Boucher, Kevin Bohlin
Interpreters: Julia Schafer, Margaret Haberman

I. CALL TO ORDER Anna Perna called the meeting to order at 5:34.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Amber Oakes is zooming
- DRM is partnering/collaborating in a workshop on Wednesday, December 12 for 8-12 grade students, parents and teachers that will address the possibilities available after high school; *It's About Me*
- Also on December 12th, Roxanne Baker will be one of the Maine storytellers at an open mic at the Portland Public Library starting at 7PM.
- Alistair Hannah (student board member) was expected but did not show up
- Terry Morrell introduced Lisette Belanger who is interested in joining the board

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- Motion to add Rebecca Falbo's presentation of her study of MECDDHH either prior to or after the executive director's report. Roxanne Baker motioned, Terry Morrell seconded.
6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 1, 2018

Approval of November 1, 2018 minutes Terry Morrell motioned, Michelle Ames seconded.
6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained

VI. POLICIES 2nd reading for approval

Sarah Forester recommended that she read all of the updated policies so we are going to slow down the process and go back to identify the five (5) most pressing policies for her to approve.

All 2nd reading policies below are up for approval.

Terry Morrell motioned, Roxanne Baker seconded.

6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained

Employee Discrimination & Harassment Complaint Procedures, ACAB-R

School District Commitment to Learning Results, ADF

Administrative Line of Authority, CC

Chemical Hazards, EBAA

Comprehensive Emergency Management Team, EBCA

Bomb Threats, EBCC

Staff Conduct, GBEB

Supervision and Evaluation of Support Staff, GDO

Supervision and Evaluation of Professional Staff, GCOA

Evaluation of Administrative Staff, GCOC

VII. POLICIES, move to 2nd reading, Terry Morrell motioned, Michelle Ames seconded.

6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained

School Board Communications with Staff, BHC

Referral/Pre-referral of Students with Disabilities, IHBA

Child Find, CIHBAC

Student Computer and Internet Use Rules, IJNDB-R

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Resignation of Deaf Mentor/Public School Outreach
- New appointments, Kevin Bohlin, Portland School Outreach Coordinator, and Christine Boucher, Preschool Speech Therapist.
- Karen will be visiting Gallaudet to do major recruiting in February
- Strategic Plan
 - o Solid draft outlining 4 specific areas to present in March
- Work on union contracts to begin late this spring
- Board approval of new position
 - o Special Education Specialist
 - o Concern over permanence of the position, soft funding
 - o Job description identifies that the position is grant funded

Robin Foster motioned, Amber Oakes seconded. **6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained**

- Museum committee, with 5 board members and a secretary
- Deaf seniors on island every other Tuesday utilizing the cafeteria and kitchen

XI. ADJOURNMENT 7:30 by Roxanne Baker