



**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting, Falmouth, Maine
January 7, 2019**

(January 3rd meeting canceled because of weather)

Board Present: Anna Perna, Terry Morrell, Michelle Ames, Roxanne Baker, Robin Foster, Amber Oakes, Alister Hannah

Administration: OJ Logue, Karen Hopkins

Staff: Kevin Bohlin, Matt Welch, Drew Freme (contractor)

Interpreters: Julia Schafer, Margaret Haberman

I. CALL TO ORDER Anna Perna called the meeting to order at 5:30.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

– Introductions:

- Alistair Hannah, student representative, graduating Portland High School this June
- Matt Welch, GBSD staff and dorm parent, Matt Welch
- Drew Freme, financial consultant

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 6, 2018

Approval of December 6, 2018 minutes Roxanne Baker motioned, Amber Oakes seconded.
6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained

VI. POLICIES 2nd reading for approval

Roxanne Baker motioned to approve policies, Robin Foster seconded.

6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained

BHC, School Board Communications with Staff

IHBAA, Referral/Pre-referral of Students with Disabilities

CIHBAC, Child Find

IJNDB-R, Student Computer and Internet Use Rules

VII. BOARD VACANCIES

- Seat 1: *Person must be a parent of a student who is deaf or hard-of-hearing and is enrolled in a residential program.*
- Seats 2 & 3: *Person must be a parent of a student who is deaf or hard-of-hearing.*
- Seat 5: *Person must be a deaf representative of the state's deaf community.*
- Seat 7: *Person must be a representative of the general public with expertise in deaf education.*
- Seat 11: *Person must be a representative of the general public.*
- Seat 12: *Person must be a representative of the general public.*
- Seat 14: *Non-voting member, person must be a student who attends the school and whose term is determined by the school.*
- Seat 15: *Non-voting member, person must be a student who receives outreach services and whose term is determined by the school.*
- Seats 16 & 17: *Person must be a representative of the general public.*



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VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Readiness bill *Kindergarten Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children*. There have been two forum discussions. The bill is supported by Senator Breen.
- We have contracted with Drew Freme to assist us with drawing up a financial plan for the next 2 years. He will be working with the Business Office through February. The goal is that every department understands their budget and that there is transparency throughout.
- The leadership team continues to work on the strategic plan with each director now taking the plan back to their staff for input. A solid rough draft will be presented to the board in March.

IX. ADJOURNMENT 7:11PM

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