

**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting
Falmouth, Maine
August 17, 2017**

Board Present: John Shattuck (Chair), Michelle Ames (Vice Chair), David Gaul, Debbie Camire, Samantha Hebert, Roxanne Baker, Frances Frost, Amber Oakes, Robin Foster, Emma Foster, Don Miller, Anna Perna

Board Absent/Excused: Laurel Kelly, Jason White

Administration: Karen Hopkins, Traci Drake, Angie Bruno, O.J. Logue

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Added to the Executive Director's Report will be a discussion about a lease that is under negotiations and a board vote to follow.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 1, 2017/June 27, 2017:

Frances Frost motioned to approve the minutes of June 1, 2017. David Gaul seconded.

Vote: 9 in favor 0 opposed 2 abstentions (Robin Foster, Anna Perna)

Frances Frost motioned to approve the minutes of June 27, 2017 as amended. Roxanne Baker seconded.

Vote: 9 in favor 0 opposed 2 abstentions (Anna Perna, Don Miller)

VI. BUDGET UPDATE: David Gaul motioned that the Board accept the adjustment of the head count of staff to be 78.7 so that it will include the ASL Specialist position. Anna Perna seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor 0 opposed

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Some of the highlights include:

- Most of the 15 staff vacancies have been filled
- Thanks go to Traci Drake and her staff on their work in contract negotiations
- Congratulations go to the Karen Hopkins and her staff for achieving NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation
- The new Percival Baxter Foundation will be able to assist with:
 - o Staff development
 - o Scholarships
 - o Work to be done on our buildings

A discussion was held about a possible lease agreement with Disability Rights Maine. Roxanne Baker motioned to authorize the Executive Director, O.J. Logue, to complete lease negotiations with Disability Rights Maine. Robin Foster seconded.

Vote: 9 in favor 0 opposed 2 abstentions (John Shattuck, Michelle Ames)

Roxanne Baker motioned to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement with Hear Me Now. Robin Foster seconded.

Vote: 11 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.

DINNER/BREAK

