

Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting
Falmouth, Maine
November 9, 2017

Board Present: John Shattuck (chair), Michelle Ames (Vice Chair), Laurel Keith, Roxanne Baker, Don Miller, Terry Morrell, Frances Frost, Amber Oakes, Debbie Camire, Samantha Hebert, Jason White

Board Absent/Excused: David Gaul, Anna Perna, Robin Foster, Emma Foster

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

Guest: Steve Bailey

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:55

II. MSMA BOARD TRAINING

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Don Miller retiring and Nov. 9th meeting is last one attended.
- Garnet Valliere, Executive Assistant to the Director has assumed her new role.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-October 15, 2017

Motion to approve Minutes of October 15, 2017 by Frances Frost; seconded by Don Miller seconded:

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed 3 abstentions (Don Miller, Jason White, Amber Oakes)

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- OJ has been away a lot the month of October attending conferences in Connecticut, Massachusetts, several in Maine; A take-away from all of it was that Maine is so highly regarded in the Deaf community of what we are doing. Programs we are doing. Public outreach work we are doing, the pre-school
- We had the storm recently, which was a surprise and caused us to review our School Cancellation procedure and the guidelines in which we will use moving forward to ensure we are following regulations and are compliant with the Portland Public School system, while keeping safety of students and staff in mind.
- We did experience a break-in at the pre-school and are unsure of the exact time the event occurred. While working with the Police, we gauged it was over the weekend or days closed due to the storm. Equipment, iPads, FM Systems went missing worth appx. \$5,000 of which Traci Drake and her team are working diligently to process through a claim for recovery.
- Angela Bruno is retiring as the Director of PSO.

VII. HEAD COUNT VOTE

- MECDHH/GBSD is requesting a Head Count increase by .2, which brings a .8 position to 1, and consequently decreases the use of a contract staff member, providing us with a cost savings.

Motion to authorize Head Count - Increase by .2 by Debbie Camire; Samantha Hebert seconded.

Vote: unanimous

Motion to authorize hiring of Sarah Donat as OT by Francis Frost; Roxanne Baker seconded.

Vote: unanimous

VIII. RE-AUDIT VOTE: Postponed

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:19pm by Don Miller, Seconded by Debbie Camire

Vote: unanimous