

**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf  
School Board Meeting  
Falmouth, Maine  
June 7, 2018**

**Board Present:** Jason White (Chairperson), Roxanne Baker, Emma Foster, Robin Foster, Samantha Hebert, Amber Oakes, Anna Perna, John Shattuck

**Board Excused:** Michelle Ames, Terry Morell

**Administration:** Traci Drake, Rebecca Falbo, Karen Hopkins, Owen Logue,

**Faculty:** Jonathan Connick, Darlene Hutchins, Shana Kelley-Cohen, Stacey Smith

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Jason White called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Jason White removed item XIII (13) the Executive Director's evaluation.

Approval of adjustment to the agenda: Anna Perna motioned, Roxanne Baker seconded.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Shana Kelley-Cohen (Behavior Strategist/Transition Specialist), Jonathan Connick (Teacher of the Deaf), Darlene Hutchins (Ed Tech III), and Stacey Smith (Ed Tech) expressed concerns regarding the removal of the Behavior Strategist/Transition Specialist position and the alleged impact this could have on the students.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 3, 2018**

Approval of May 3, 2018 minutes: Robin Foster motioned, Samantha Hebert seconded.

**6 in favor. 0 opposed. 1 Abstained.**

**VI. RESIDENTIAL CONTRACT**

Two-year contract for \$218,000 has been presented to the board for the Morrison Center to provide residential services for up to 8 students. However, the agreement is based on 6 students versus 8 students in the previous contract. If we should require more than 6 beds, we will incur a reasonable day rate. The residence is on the site of the former Opportunity Farm in New Gloucester which is 27 miles from Portland schools. There is no additional cost from Luce Transportation to transport students to Portland High School daily.

Approval for Owen Logue to sign the Residential Contract: John Shattuck motioned. Amber Oakes seconded.

**6 in favor. 0 opposed. 1 Abstained.**

**VII. FY 19 BUDGET APPROVAL**

Approval of FY 19 Budget: John Shattuck motioned. Amber Oakes seconded.

**6 in favor. 1 opposed. 0 Abstained.**

**VIII. SCHOOL CALENDAR PROPOSAL AND APPROVAL**

Adjustment: Change Spurwink to Morrison Center.

Approval of 2018-2019 School Calendar: Anna Perna motioned. Roxanne Baker seconded.  
**7 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 Abstained.**

#### **IX. BOARD CALENDAR PROPOSAL AND APPROVAL**

Future adjustment: Discuss a board retreat separate from the training in November.

OJ would like to discuss a MOU with Portland Schools to happen by September.

Approval of 2018-2019 School Calendar: Anna Perna motioned. Roxanne Baker seconded.

**7 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 Abstained.**

#### **X. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019**

Jason White, Chairman. Terry Morrell, Vice Chairman

Roxanne Baker motioned. Anna Perna seconded.

**7 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 Abstained.**

#### **XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Terry Morell and OJ attended the National Deaf Center Conference in Austin, Texas. Maine was the only eastern seaboard state represented. Ohio School for the Deaf has an assessment team in place and offered to help us create a similar model through Zoom conferencing in August.
- DRM may be evicted July 31, 2018. The governor gave us until May 1<sup>st</sup> to pass the bill, but the legislative hearing was on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. OJ has been advised not to get involved with this matter and let DRM seek legal counsel on this matter. Kim Moody is working on it with attorneys. We need to keep a low profile. If you would like to help contact Kim at DRM.
- Four resignations.

#### **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

7:33PM

The board exited executive session to approve confidential contracts as presented by the administration, as motioned by Anna Perna, and seconded by Roxanne Baker.

**7 in favor. 0 opposed.**

#### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

7:35 PM

Adjournment as motioned by Samantha Hebert and seconded by Anna Perna.

**7 in favor. 0 opposed.**