

**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting
Falmouth, Maine
November 3, 2016**

Board Present: Diane St. Lawrence (Chair), Joan Toy (Vice Chair), Roxanne Baker, Laurel Kelly, Frances Frost, Fran Jacques, David Gaul, John Shattuck, Don Miller, Jason White, Samantha Hebert

Board Excused: Debbie Camire, Michelle Ames, Taylor Gagnon

Administration: David Sherry, John Jones, Angie Bruno, Traci Drake, Karen Hopkins

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:15PM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Deaf Community Forum is rescheduled for January 7 from 9:00 to noon. The storm date is January 28.
- On October 1, the *Chat Across the United States with Gallaudet University* was held. The topic question was “How do we define the Deaf Community?”
- There was a class reunion during the Gallaudet homecoming weekend.
- Nyle DiMarco and the president of Gallaudet will be working on recruitment efforts.
- Convo will be premiering their film in Massachusetts the weekend of November 4th.

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Joan Toy motioned to remove agenda item VIII, merge items IX and XI and under “Committee Reports and Recommendations” add “Ad Hoc Committee for Executive Director Search will update Board and offer an item for consideration”. Frances Frost seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor 0 opposed

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 6, 2016

Joan Toy motioned to approve the minutes of October 6, 2016. Samantha Hebert seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed 3 abstentions (Don Miller, Fran Jacques, Samantha Hebert)

VI. Policy Review – 2nd Reading:

- Bullying/File:JICK

Joan Toy motioned to approve policy JICK in the second reading. Fran Jacques seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor 0 opposed

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATES:

- The Leadership Team presented at the MADSEC Conference.
- David met with George Burns and Barbara Keefe to draft bylaws and complete the IRS paperwork to become 501(C)(3).
- There will be a Development Committee of up to 20 people.
- The second and fourth Tuesday of each month a group of Deaf senior citizens meet in the gym annex. There are opportunities for the seniors to meet with students.
- A discussion took place about conducting an RFP for residential services.
- We are hosting the Northeastern Junior NAD (National Association of the Deaf) Conference.

Other key points of the Executive Director's Updates were covered. A copy is enclosed in the Executive Director's office.

DINNER/BREAK

David Gaul motioned to approve the nomination of Tracey Dulac for a Teacher of the Deaf position. Don Miller seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor 0 opposed

David Gaul motioned to accept the resignation of Tobin Hagelin, a PSO Consultant, with regret. Fran Jacques seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor 0 opposed

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Facilities Committee met. Various facilities issues and recent repairs were discussed.

IX. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH WILL UPDATE AND OFFER AN ITEM OF CONSIDERATION: The Executive Director Search Committee met. The Executive Director job description was handed out and reviewed by the Board. A revision was made about the communication requirements of the candidates.

X. BOARD DEVELOPMENT: The Board reviewed the Freedom of Access Act Frequently Asked Questions information.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Don Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM.
John Shattuck seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor 0 opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Board Approved: December 1, 2016