

**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting
Falmouth, Maine
September 8, 2016**

Board Present: Diane St. Lawrence (Chair), Joan Toy (Vice Chair), Jason White, Don Miller, Debbie Camire, David Gaul, Roxanne Baker, Laurel Kelly, Michelle Ames, Samantha Hebert

Board Excused: Frances Frost, Fran Jacques, John Shattuck, Taylor Gagnon

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:17PM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Disability Rights Maine will have a drive on September 27 to encourage people with disabilities to vote. It will be held at the Portland Public Library at noon. Michelle Ames will send an email with an attachment regarding this drive. The Deaf Culture Tea will be on September 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Hall of Flags in Augusta. There will be a week of activities during the Deaf Culture week. On September 21 will be the tea with the Executive Director of MECDHH/GBSD. The Deaf Culture Festival will be September 24 from 9:00 to 4:00 on Mackworth Island. There will be museum tours given by Bill Nye. Kids Like Me will be there as well. Roxanne Baker, Michelle Ames and Terry Morrell met with Karen Hopkins to discuss the Lead-K Initiative to understand what it means, what it means to Maine and how to spread the word. Gallaudet has announced a new president, Roberta Cordano. Conversation Across the Nation will take place October 1. On September 23 will be the Hands & Voices Conference in Augusta. On the same night Karen Anderson, a national audiologist, will present at a conference.

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Joan Toy motioned that approval of the physician's contract be added to the agenda. Debbie Camire seconded.

Vote: 10 in favor 0 opposed

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joanna Spano revamped the Public Participation brochure. Copies are on the bookshelf in the cafeteria.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 18, 2016

Joan Toy motioned to approve the minutes of August 18, 2016 as amended. Michelle Ames seconded.

Vote: 10 in favor 0 opposed

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

Vote: 10 in favor 0 opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Board Approved: October 6, 2016