Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Governor Baxter School for the Deaf School Board Meeting Falmouth, Maine March 12, 2015

Board Present: Diane St. Lawrence (Chair), Joan Toy (Vice Chair), Jason White, Laurel Kelly, Roxanne Baker, Fran Jacques, Don Miller, Debbie Camire, Courtney Camire

Board Excused: David Gaul, Frances Frost

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

Traci Drake

Staff: Kim Matthews

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:10PM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Joan Toy motioned to table: agenda item VI. Review of Financial Audit until May and agenda item X. Executive Session – Confidential Employees Contract Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(D) until April. Fran Jacques seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 26, 2015:

Don Miller motioned to approve the minutes of February 26, 2015 as amended. Fran Jacques seconded.

Vote: 6 in favor 0 opposed 2 abstentions (Joan Toy, Laurel Kelly)

VI. ECFS/PRECHOOL - Department and Budget Review:

- Karen began with a review of ECFS services and work as they relate to our Strategic Planning goals
- Next, a comprehensive overview of the CDS (Child Development Services) MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and its impact on our work was provided.
- Kim Matthews gave a comprehensive review of the preschool program (also tied to the Strategic Plan)
 - o Ebackpack

- Preschool staffing
- Assessment (need to purchase more assessment)
- Future plans
- o Work with families plus home visits
- Preschool blog
- Jason White shared concerns about technology needs and how it is holding us back; he asked for an itemized list so that it could be brought to the Finance Committee.

DINNER/BREAK

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Highlights of the Executive Director's Report were covered. A discussion was held about the Spurwink residential program. Questions that arose:

- Are they bonded?
- Who besides Spurwink itself will oversee?
- Why not just request a waiver?

The Executive Director's report is enclosed and filed in the Executive Director's office.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee to review the Confidential Employees Benefits Package met and scheduled another meeting for April 2. The committee is waiting to receive information from Maine State Retirement. Also on April 2 will be a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Initiate Executive Director Evaluation Process Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(D)

Joan Toy motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Initiation of the Executive Director Evaluation Process to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(D). Fran Jacques seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:10PM.

Public Session resumed at 7:30PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Joan Toy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM. Don Miller seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Board Approved: April 2, 2015