Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Governor Baxter School for the Deaf School Board Meeting Falmouth, Maine January 15, 2015

Board Present: Diane St. Lawrence (Chair), Joan Toy (Vice Chair), David Gaul, Don Miller, Frances Frost, Laurel Kelly, Fran Jacques, Courtney Camire, Debbie Camire

Board Excused: Roxanne Baker, Jason White

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:22PM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: The members of the Academic Bowl team, Courtney Camire, Taylor Gagnon and Emma Foster (a student receiving Outreach services) for GBSD were congratulated on their achievements.

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Joan Toy motioned to remove the Audit Review agenda item and the Executive Session agenda item. Fran Jacques seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

David Sherry added agenda items to discuss changes in banking practices (Traci Drake) to be covered under the Executive Director's Report as well as a discussion related to NAEYC (Karen Hopkins) which the national association for the education of young children. Joan Toy had so motioned. Fran Jacques seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 4, 2014

Joan Toy motioned to approve the minutes of December 4, 2014 as amended. Debbie Camire seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Among the topics discussed were: the process of setting up programs in Oxford and Hancock counties, collaborative activities with hearMEnow, the upcoming basketball tournament,

etc. This report is enclosed and filed in the Executive Director's office. Joan Toy motioned to direct Traci Drake, as Business Manger, to transfer \$1,800 from one account to another account to offset costs related to sports.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

Joan Toy motioned to start a new account with TD Bank. Laurel Kelly seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

Joan Toy motioned to direct Traci Drake, as Business Manager, to merge the payroll and general accounts checking with the payroll account to form one. Debbie Camire seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

DINNER/BREAK

Joan Toy motioned that MECDHH/GBSD seek NAEYC accreditation. David Gaul seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING BUDGET DELIBERATION: Overviews of department budgets were given.

VIII. REVIEW OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES – CONTINUING CONTRACT AND PROBATIONARY TEACHERS, OTHER: Currently there are two staff members going into contract, 2012, and will go from two to three years. They will be going into continuing contract.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Ad Hoc Committee met to review the Confidential Employees Benefits Package which will be discussed at the February board meeting. On February 5 from 3:30 to 4:00 will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee and from 4:00 to 5:00 will be a meeting of the Finance Committee.

X. FY16 MEETING (DATE TBD): This will be discussed further in a future Board meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Don Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46PM. Laurel Kelly seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM.

Board Approved: February 26, 2015