

**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting
Falmouth, Maine
August 20, 2015**

Board Present: Diane St. Lawrence (Chair), Joan Toy (Vice Chair), Jason White, Laurel Kelly, Frances Frost, David Gaul, Don Miller

Board Excused: Fran Jacques, Roxanne Baker, Debbie Camire

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:13PM.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: none

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 4, 2015:

Joan Toy motioned to approve the minutes of June 4, 2015 as amended. Don Miller seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 22, 2015:

Joan Toy motioned to approve the minutes of July 22, 2015 as amended. Frances Frost seconded.

Vote: 5 in favor 0 opposed 2 abstentions (Diane St. Lawrence, Laurel Kelly)

VI. POLICY REVIEW:

2nd Readings:

- Tobacco Use and Possession/File:ADC

Joan Toy motioned to approve policy ADC in the second reading. Don Miller seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed

- Student Wellness/File:JL

Joan Toy motioned to approve policy JL in the second reading. Frances Frost seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT/Staff Resignations: Updates on staffing were given. Other highlights of the Executive Director's Report were covered. The Executive Director's report is enclosed and filed in the Executive Director's office.

David Gaul motioned to approve the appointment of Megan Kish as ECFS Consultant. Don Miller seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed

Joan Toy motioned to accept the resignation of Courtney Machado with regret. Frances Frost seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed

Joan Toy motioned to accept the resignation of Julie Neumann with regret. David Gaul seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed

VIII. REAPPOINT COMMITTEES – Add Ad Hoc Committees as Needed:

Board members were assigned to committees. Diane St. Lawrence will contact Darlene Hutchins about the possibility of establishing an advisory group of Deaf community members for the Board. David Gaul motioned to disband, as of June 4, 2015, the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Benefits Package for Confidential Employees. Don Miller seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed

DINNER/BREAK

IX. BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION, GOAL SETTING AND DISCUSSION OF CRITICAL ISSUES FACING THE BOARD:

It was decided that Board development would be discussed at the September 10 Board meeting.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: A meeting was held by the Facilities Committee. Topics covered were: mansion roof repairs, Carter Hall repairs, upgrades to the sprinkler system and the costs involved. The committee also discussed the Department of Parks and Lands plan to staff the guard shack for 20 hours per week and have a ranger for 20 hours per week on island.

It was announced that the Deaf Tea will be September 17 in Augusta and that

the Deaf Culture Festival will be September 26.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Don Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18PM.
Frances Frost seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM.

Board Approved: September 10, 2015