Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Governor Baxter School for the Deaf School Board Meeting Falmouth, Maine February 26, 2015

Board Present: Diane St. Lawrence (Chair), David Gaul, Don Miller, Frances Frost, Fran Jacques, Courtney Camire, Debbie Camire, Roxanne Baker, Jason White

Board Excused: Joan Toy, Laurel Kelly

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

Traci Drake

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:16PM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: none

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 15, 2015:

Fran Jacques motioned to approve the minutes of January 15, 2015 as amended. Debbie Camire seconded.

Vote: 6 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention (Jason White)

VI. BUDGET REVIEW - Business Operations: Traci Drake: A Powerpoint presentation and a thorough review of the budget were given. A copy of the Powerpoint presentation is on file. Jim McCallum (auditor) is scheduled to present at the March 12 Board meeting. The business office FY16 budget will remain "flat" as compared to FY15.

Dave Gaul shared some significant concerns related to costs that MECDHH is incurring due to the bridge work. Dave feels that we should receive monies through the DOT contingency plan. Traci added we may be eligible for FEMA monies from Feds to cover costs incurred due to the recent storm.

DINNER/BREAK

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: A meeting in Augusta was held regarding FAPE. Another meeting in Augusta was held involving Jan Breton and Suzan Beaudoin from DOE regarding our budget. David gave a review of his attendance at a recent meeting of the Coalition of Private Schools Serving

Deaf Children. Six of our students are traveling to Rhode Island for a Winter Ball. The ESDAA Basketball Tournament we hosted was successful. The article that was recently in The Forecaster about MECDHH/GBSD was discussed. The Executive Director's report is enclosed and filed in the Executive Director's office.

VIII. DEPARTMENT AND BUDGET REVIEW – Public School Outreach – Angie Bruno: A Powerpoint presentation was given. The department's goal is to expand and improve services for students statewide. The importance of deaf and hard of hearing students to meet, come together, share experiences, support each other and form friendships was stressed such as through the Kids Like Me Program. An overview was given of the project of forming a regionalization program mandated by the legislature. The Tandberg equipment is being used for webinars which have proven to be an effective way of reaching viewers all over the country. Board members were encouraged to view our Facebook page. A review of the Public School Outreach department budget was given.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Ad Hoc Committee meeting was postponed until March 12 at 3:30. The Finance Committee met and minutes are enclosed.

X. ADJOURNMENT: David Gaul moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM. Debbie Camire seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM.

Board Approved: March 12, 2015