



**Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting, Falmouth, Maine
December 5, 2019
Minutes**

Board Present: Anna Perna (Chair), Roxanne Baker, Lisette Belanger, Robin Foster, Michael Pulsifer, Terry Morrell, Marena Thompson (student rep)

Board Excused: Michelle Ames, Amber Oakes (Zoom)

Administration: OJ Logue, Rebecca Falbo, Cathy Murphy, Karen Hopkins

Staff: Kevin Bohlin, Lori Levesque

Guests: Corda Kinzie, Jane Hecker-Cain

Interpreters: Cid Pollard, Julia Schafer

5:00pm I. **Dinner and Call to Order**

5:05pm II. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

- change time of Policy Review, (IX) to 7:00 (6:55)
- change time of Approval of School Calendars from 185 to 183 Calendar Days (X) to 7:10 (7:00)

5:15pm III. **Public Comments - None**

5:20pm IV. **Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2019**
Motion to approve October 3, 2019 meeting minutes
Robin Foster motioned. Terry Morrell seconded.
5 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained.

5:25pm V. **2020/2021 Budget Presentation and Approval**
Cathy Murphy, *Director of Operations & Human Resources*

- I make a motion to “approve the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Governor Baxter School for the Deaf fiscal year 2021 general fund expense budget of \$9,864,200 (nine million eight hundred sixty four thousand two hundred) as allocated in the cost center summary below. Future transfers between budget cost centers due to potential changes in chapter 304, unforeseen program changes, or unanticipated expenses will be made in accordance with Chapter 304, Paragraph 7407.”

Regular Instruction	\$0
Special Education	\$7,101,270
Vocational Education	\$0
Other Instruction	\$172,226
Student/Staff Support	\$88,894
System Administrator	\$960,543
Transportation and Busses	\$572,425
Facilities Maintenance	\$968,842
Debt Service	\$0
Other	\$0
Total	\$9,864,200

Terry Morrell motioned. Lisette Belanger seconded.
6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained.



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5:45pm VI. **Committee Reports**

- **Policy**, 1st readings tonight, notes from 3 meetings included in board packet
- **Strategic Planning**, no report
- **HR & Finance**, no report
- **Facilities**, no report
- **Board Development**, five board nominees up for legislative approval in January
- **Member Recruitment & Retention**, five board nominees up for legislative approval in January
- **Legislative Action**, no report
- **Bylaws**, working on ability to vote offsite

6:00pm VII. **Statewide Education & Family Services Report**, Karen Hopkins, *Director*
Public School Outreach Report, Kevin Bohlin, *Coordinator*
Preschool Report, Lori Levesque, *Coordinator*

6:40pm VIII. **Policies, 1st Reading**

- *JIC Student Code of Conduct*
“I move to accept first reading of the policy JIC Student Code of Conduct with changes*.”
*Add age, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status

Mike Pulsifer motioned. Robin Foster seconded.
6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained.
- *JJIF Management of Concussion and Other Head Injuries*
“I move to accept first reading of the policy JJIF Management of Concussion and Other Head Injuries without changes.”

Mike Pulsifer motioned. Terry Morrell seconded.
6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained.

6:55pm IX. **Policy Review, edited for ID change from IHBAL to AC-R**

- AC-R Grievance Procedure for Persons with Disabilities

7:00pm X. **Approval of Revised School Calendars from 185 to 183 Days**

- “I move to accept the change from 185 to 183 calendar school days as a result of recent union negotiations.”
Robin Foster motioned. Mike Pulsifer seconded.
Discussion and clarification.
6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained.

7:05pm XI. **Executive Director’s Report**

- Acceptance of resignation of staff
- Appointment of pre-school teacher of the deaf
- Status of additional appropriations for Brewer program, Brewer MOU
- Stakeholder meeting, December 19, 2019
- Upcoming meeting with politicians regarding Chapter 304



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7:20pm XII. **Announcements**

- Hands and Voices Holiday Craft Fair this Saturday 9-noon in GBSD gym
- Next meeting Wednesday January 8, 2020 starting at 5PM

7:25pm XIII. **Adjournment**

Motion to approve adjournment of December 5, 2019 MECDHH/GBSD board meeting.
Roxanne Baker motioned. Robin Foster seconded.
6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained.

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