



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

Board Present: Anna Perna, *Chair*, Amber Oakes, *Vice Chair*, Michelle Ames, Roxanne Baker, Lisette Belanger, Robin Foster, Michael Pulsifer, Terry Morrell

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

Guests: Corda Kinzie, Jane Hecker-Cain, Paula Hastings

Interpreters: Marisa Zastrow, Julia Schafer

- 5:34pm I. **Call to Order**
- 5:34pm II. **Announcements**
- Sign Tree Camp, September 16-18, Rome, Maine
 - Maine Deaf Awareness Week begins September 19
 - Maine Deaf Culture Festival, September 28, Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, Mackworth Island
 - Introduction of guest Paula Hastings
- 5:39pm III. **Adjustments to the Agenda**, none
- 5:40pm IV. **Public Comments**, none
- 5:40pm V. **Approval of Minutes - August 1, 2019**
Terry Morrell motioned to accept minutes with edits discussed. Lisette Belanger seconded.
6 In favor. 0 Opposed. 2 Abstained
- 5:47pm VI. **Finalize Board Committees**
All committees are complete.
- 5:50pm VII. **Policies, 1st Reading**
- JFLA Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response
 - JFLA-E Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect Report Form
- Roxanne Baker motioned to accept the 1st reading of policies with edits discussed.
Michelle Ames seconded.
8 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained
- 6:20pm VIII. **MSMA Fall Conference**, October 24-25, Augusta Civic Center
Lisette Belanger and Roxanne agreed to attend.
- 6:25pm IX. **Budget Report/Approval of Professional and Support Contracts**
Cathy Murphy, *Director of Operations and Human Resources*
Contracts have not yet been ratified and will be up for approval during the October board meeting.



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- 7:05pm X. **China Visit**
Karen Hopkins, *Director of Statewide Education and Family Services*
Karen shared her experiences, and a Power Point presentation, of her trip to China with Christine Yoshinaga- Itano, renowned researcher at the Institute of Cognitive Science at Colorado University. She asked Karen to join her in China to teach about MECDHH/GBSD's early intervention program
- 7:45pm XI. **Executive Director's Report**
- New Hire, Emily Jackson, Speech Language Pathologist, Falmouth
Terry Morrell motioned to accept the nomination of Emily Jackson as a Speech Language Pathologist. Amber Oakes seconded.
8 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained
 - Contract with Maine Medical Center, approval at October board meeting
 - Brewer update
 - Chapter 304
- 7:55pm XII. **Adjournment**
Amber Oakes motioned for adjournment. Roxanne Baker seconded.
8 In favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained