



# THE MAINE EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

GOVERNOR BAXTER SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

One Mackworth Island, Falmouth, ME 04105

## Board of Directors Meeting August 11, 2023 Minutes

### 3:16pm I. **Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Members – Lisette Belanger, *Chair***

Present: Lisette Belanger, *Chair*, Jason Bubier (on Zoom), Jennifer Gaulin, Tommy Minch, *Vice Chair*, Anna Perna, Mike Pulsifer, Liz Seal, Sandra Wood

*Excused:* Roxanne Baker

Also present: Executive Director Karen Hopkins; Directors Dean Flanagan, Susie Tiggs (on Zoom), and Lori Levesque; Executive Assistant Kim Spencer; Interpreters Cid Pollard and Marisa Zastrow, Board Candidate: Dawna Thorpe; multiple members of the public/MECDHH/GBSD community.

### 3:17pm II. **Adjustments to the agenda**

“I move to approve the August 11, 2023 agenda without changes.”

Sandra Wood **motions**; Anna Perna **seconds**

**8 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.**

### 3:18pm III. **Motion to approve August 3, 2023 board minutes**

“I move to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2023 board meeting without changes.”

Tommy **motions**; Sandra **seconds**

**8 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.**

### 3:19pm IV. **Public Comments**

Kristen Shorey shared that she has been working at MECDDHH/GBSD for 17 years. She encouraged the board to involve seasoned employees to be part of the search process for the next Executive Director and on the interview committee. She asked that the Board keep in mind the importance of certification that comes from DOE and not just degrees earned. She shared that the position used to be called Superintendent and feels the job is that of a superintendent.

### **New Business**

### 3:22pm V. **Motion to Approve the Revised 2023-2024 Academic-year Calendar**

“I move to approve the 2023-2024 Academic-year Calendar without changes.”

Sandra **motions**; Jennifer **seconds**

**8 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.**

### 3:25pm VI. **Motion to Approve the Revised 2023-2024 Mackworth Island Preschool Calendar**

“I move to approve the 2023-2024 Mackworth Island Preschool Calendar without changes.”

Tommy **motions**; Jennifer **seconds**



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### 3:26pm VII. **Executive Session**

“I move to enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Labor contract negotiations, pursuant to Article 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D)
- Resignation of officials/appointees/employees, pursuant to Article 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A)

Tommy **motions**; Anna **seconds**

**8 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.**

### 4:55pm VIII. **Announcements**

“I motion to approve the 2023-24, 2024-25 support staff and professional staff contracts, conditionally until approved by the association’s ratification vote.

Mike **motions**; Jennifer **seconds**

**6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.**

*(Liz and Anna had left)*

### 4:59pm IX. **Adjournment**

“I move to adjourn to **Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 4:59pm.**”

Tommy **motions**; Jennifer **seconds**

**6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.**