



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
May 2, 2024
Minutes

5:32pm I. **Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Members – Lisette Belanger, *Chair***

Roxanne Baker, Lisette Belanger, *Chair*, Jason Bubier, Beth Campbell, Barbara Millios, Tommy Minch, *Vice Chair*, Anna Perna, Mike Pulsifer, Liz Seal, Dawna Thorpe, Sandra Wood

Also present: Steve Connolly, Superintendent Consultant; Lori Levesque, HR Director; Dean Flanagin, Director of Operations; Susie Tiggs, Director of SEFS; Kim Spencer, Executive Assistant; Cathy Lushman, Culture and Longevity Consultant; Evah Hellewell,, Interpreter; Grace Cooney, Interpreter; Amy Richardson, Interpreter; Rich Foisy, Information System Support Specialist; Dan Michaud, Maintenance Mechanic.

5:35pm II. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

“I move to approve the May 2, 2024 agenda without changes.”

“I second the motion.”

Tommy **motioned**; Roxanne **seconded**.

11 **in favor**. 0 **opposed**. 0 **abstained**.

5:36pm III. **Motion to Approve the April 5, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

“I move to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2024 board meeting without changes.”

“I second the motion.”

Liz **motioned**; Roxanne **seconded**.

11 **in favor**. 0 **opposed**. 0 **abstained**.

5:38pm IV. **Capital Projects Updates - *Dean Flanagin, Director of Operations***

5:56pm V. **Report on CEASD Conference - *Susie Tiggs, Director of Statewide Education and Family Services***

6:08pm VI. **Public Comments - None.**

New Business

6:09pm VII. **Motion to Approve the 2024-25 Academic-year Calendar**

“I move to approve the 2024-25 Academic-year Calendar without changes.”

“I second the motion.”

Liz **motioned**; Roxanne **seconded**.

11 **in favor**. 0 **opposed**. 0 **abstained**.

6:10pm VIII. **Motion to Approve the Proposed Interim Assistant Director Position**

“I move to approve the proposed Interim Assistant Director position.”

“I second the motion.”

Dawna **motioned**; Anna **seconded**.

11 **in favor**. 0 **opposed**. 0 **abstained**.



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6:38pm IX. **Motion to Approve the 2024-2025 Mackworth Island Preschool Handbook**

“I move to approve the 2024-2025 Mackworth Island Preschool Handbook with changes.”

- *Board member page needs to be updated.*

“I second the motion.”

Liz **motioned**; Roxanne **seconded**.

11 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.

6:41pm X. **Motion to Approve the MECDHH/GBSD Employee Handbook**

“I move to approve the MECDHH/GBSD Employee Handbook without changes.”

“I second the motion.”

Tommy **motioned**; Jason **seconded**.

11 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.

6:43pm XI. **2nd Year Probationary Contracts**

- Agnes Adams
- Cara Hoppis
- Daniel DeLuca
- Jennifer Sisto
- Jillian Thuringer
- Jolene MacDonald
- Joshua Gray
- Leigha Inskeep

“I move to approve a 2nd-year probationary contract for Agnes Adams, Cara Hoppis, Daniel DeLuca, Jennifer Sisto, Jillian Thuringer, Jolene MacDonald, Joshua Gray, and Leigha Inskeep.”

“I second the motion.”

Liz **motioned**; Anna **seconded**.

11 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.

6:44pm XII. **3rd Year Probationary Contracts**

- Alicia Pieper
- Amy Olson
- Angel King
- Eleanor Gettman
- Erin Bunce
- Jennifer Hickey
- Katie Bucklin
- Stephanie Hughes

“I move to approve a 3rd-year probationary contract for Alicia Pieper, Amy Olson, Angel King, Eleanor Gettman, Erin Bunce, Jennifer Hickey, Katie Bucklin, and Stephanie Hughes.”

“I second the motion.”



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11 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.

6:46pm XIII. **Continuing Contracts**

- Christa Cook McKinney
- Leia Burns
- Marsha Ames
- Megan Garrity
- Melanie Bowlus

“I move to approve a continuing contract for Christa Cook McKinney, Leia Burns, Marsha Ames, Megan Garrity, and Melanie Bowlus.”

“I second the motion.”

Roxanne **motioned**; Lix **seconded**.

11 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.

6:47pm XIV. **Staff Resignation**

“I move to accept the resignation of Alyssa Guldager, Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf, effective June 17, 2024.”

“I second the motion.”

Tom **motioned**; Dawna **seconded**.

11 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.

6:48pm XV. **Announcements - None**

6:49pm XVI. **Adjournment**

“I move to adjourn to **Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 5:30pm.**”

“I second the motion.”

Tommy **motioned**; Liz **seconded**.

11 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained.