



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 1, 2024 Minutes

5:33pm I. **Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Members – Lisette Belanger, Chair**

Present: Lisette Belanger, *Acting Chair*, Jason Bubier, Tommy Minch, *Chair (virtually)*, Mike Pulsifer, Liz Seal, Dawna Thorpe

Excused absences: Beth Campbell, Barbara Millios, Tommy Minch, Anna Perna

Unexcused absences: Roxanne Baker and Sandra Wood

Also present: Steve Connolly, Superintendent Consultant; Lori Levesque, HR Director, Dean Flanagan, Director of Operations, Kim Spencer, Executive Assistant; Grace Cooney, Interpreter; Evah Hellewell, Interpreter; David Hillier, Information Systems Specialist

5:34pm II. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

“I move to approve the August 1, 2024 agenda with changes.”

“I second the motion.”

*Add three items under Old Business: Talk about the policy that we approved on Zoom. Talk about our election of officials and officers that we had. Talk about dates for our meetings. Add two items under New Business: have David Hillier introduced; vote on Christy LoCicero’s resignation.

Mike **motioned**; Jason **seconded**.

6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

5:39pm III. **Motion to Approve the June 6, 2024 Board Minutes**

“I move to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 board meeting without changes.”

“I second the motion.”

Liz **motioned**; Dawna **seconded**.

6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

Old Business

5:48pm IV. **Discussion of Election of Chairs**

It was determined that Tommy’s nomination and acceptance as new chair of the board in Augusta was done properly, per Robert’s Rules of Order

5:53pm V. **Discussion of Remote Policy**

It was determined that Zoom would be offered at every board meeting moving forward, including those that take place outside of Falmouth.

5:57pm VI. **Discussion of Dates for Monthly Board Meetings**

The board discussed ideas of how to increase board member attendance for future board meetings.

6:07pm VII. **Public Comments - None**



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New Business

6:11pm VIII. **Staff Nomination**

"I move to accept the recommendation of Michael Varno for the position of *Outreach Consultant*, effective August 22, 2024, without changes.

Liz **motioned**; Dawna **seconded**.

6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

6:38pm IX. **Staff Resignation**

"I move to accept the resignation of Alicia Pieper, *Site-based Teacher of the Deaf*, effective August 21, 2024 without changes."

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

6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

6:39pm X. **Staff Resignation**

"I move to accept the resignation of Brittany Bubar, *Speech Language Pathologist*, effective August 21, 2024 without changes."

Dawna **motioned**; Liz **seconded**.

6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

6:40pm XI. **Staff Resignation**

"I move to accept the resignation of Kristen Shorey, *Coordinator, Special Education and Related Services*, effective August 21, 2024 without changes."

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

6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

6:41pm XII. **Staff Resignation**

"I move to accept the resignation of Christy LoCicero, *Special Education Specialist*, effective August 2, 2024 without changes."

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

6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

6:42pm XIII. **Executive Session**

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

- A request for leave of absence, pursuant to article 1 M.R.S.A. §
- Employment of officials/appointees/employees, pursuant to Article 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A).

"I second the motion."

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

6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained



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7:31pm XIV. “I move to accept the leave of absence request for Leia Burns until January 2, 2025.

“I second the motion.”

Liz **motioned**; Mike **seconded**.

6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

7:32pm XV. **Announcements** - Tommy and Lisette filled the board in on the design and plans for a new gateway to the MECDDHH/GBSD campus.

7:45pm XVI. **Adjournment**

“I move to adjourn to **Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 5:30.**”

“I second the motion.”

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

6 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

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