



## RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One Corliss Park

Providence, RI 02908

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### MEETING MINUTES – Hearing

**Date:** June 2, 2015

**Time:** Minutes recorded by Helen Edwards

**Minutes approved on: September 1, 2015**

**Interpreters:** Carol Fay, Maureen McEntee

**CART:** Shelly Deming

**Call to Order:**

a. Board Chairperson Amanda Montgomery called the meeting of the RI School for the Deaf Board of Trustees to order at 6:08 pm in the Cafeteria of the School for the Deaf.

- **Roll Call of Board of Trustees**

b. In Attendance: Amanda Montgomery, Joseph Fischgrund, Jane Newkirk, Danielle Loughlin, Heather Niedbala, Nora Meah, Jonathan Henner

c. **Excused:** Lindsey Medeiros

**Public Comment:**

- Todd Murano read a letter from the Deaf staff members at the school requesting a meeting with the Board and Director Nancy Maguire Heath to discuss increasing opportunities for Deaf perspective at the School.

**Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- February 26, 2015 – Heather Neidbala motioned to approve the minutes. Chairperson Montgomery seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.
- March 3, 2015 – Joseph Fischgrund motioned to approve the minutes. Danielle Loughlin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.
- April 7, 2015 –Jonathan Henner motioned to approve the minutes. Heather Niedbala seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.

**Reports:**

- Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees
  - Chairperson Montgomery requested that a Vice Chairperson should be chosen. Jonathan Henner was chosen to be the new Vice Chairperson of the Board
  - Chairperson Montgomery also mentioned we are still looking for the 9<sup>th</sup> member to serve on the Board of Trustees
- Report of the Director
  - Director Maguire recommended Amy Vincenzi as the new Assistant Director of Finance, Operations & Human Resources at RISD. The Board met this candidate, and after asking her about her background and experiences, confirmed Ms. Vincenzi as the new Assistant Director.

- Director Maguire Heath stated that a temporary clerk secretary has been providing some support to cover the front office and keep classes covered with substitutes since the Clerk/Secretary moved to a new position at RIDE.
- A third Audio Test Technician has been hired and the Audiology department is now fully staffed again.
- Director Maguire Heath also listed all the jobs that have been posted for the upcoming school year.
- Maureen Wu presented a copy of the Financial Report. See attached copy.
- Director Maguire Heath stated that the CEASD consult regarding school viability was e-mailed to the Board before the meeting. The report was also included in each packet.
- The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:00 pm to discuss the annual performance review and employment status of the Director.
- The Board moved back into Open Session at 8:20 pm. The Board voted on a roll call to seal the minutes.

**Action Items:**

- Report of the Policy Committee:
  - Latex Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading –  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading was approved with suggested edits.
  
- **Adjournment: 8:30 pm**

