



RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One Corliss Park

Providence, RI 02908

MEETING MINUTES – Hearing

Date: July 7, 2015

Time: Minutes recorded by: Helen Edwards

Minutes approved on: August 4, 2015

Interpreters: Jessica Morgan, Cyndy Cohen

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 6:06 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, Nora Meah

c. **Excused:** Lindsey Medeiros, Jonathan Henner, Heather Niedbala

Public Comment: None offered.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- April 29, 2015 – Joseph Fischgrund motioned to approve the minutes. Jane Newkirk seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.
- May 5, 2015 – Danielle Loughlin motioned to approve the minutes. Nora Meah seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Reports:

- Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees
 - Chairperson Montgomery thanked everyone for coming to the second Board Training which was held on June 27, 2015. The next training is in October. Chairperson Montgomery and Director Maguire Heath will communicate with the Board trainer regarding homework assignments. Maureen Cotter will attend the September meeting to review work done by Board members on policy development.
 - Chairperson Montgomery stated that the next Board work session will be on July 21, 2015. Please review the CEASD viability summary for that work session.
 - There is still a 9th seat on the Board that is open. Joe Fischgrund has sent Chairperson Montgomery a name to contact.
 - Access issues continue to be addressed with the search for a new interpreter team.
- Report of the Director
 - Director Maguire Heath reported that the school newsletter has gone out with the help of Jane Newkirk.

- Director Maguire Heath reported that the new budget passed and a more detailed report will be forthcoming.
 - School ended on June 30, and report cards have been distributed.
 - Our ESY (Extended School Year) Program started July 7th. We have 42 students enrolled. Locating qualified teachers was challenging, but all classrooms are staffed.
 - The Board was sent the list of end-of-year events.
 - Letters of congratulations will be going out to Marion Meadows and Joyce Doblmeier on the occasion of their retirement, acknowledging their years of service to RISDeaf.
 - Cheryl Hollingworth, the Transition Coordinator, has resigned to move to Maine. Jeff Rodriguez, our IT Coordinator will be leaving July 31, 2015 to move to Florida. The Board thanks them for their service and wishes them well in their relocation.
 - Positions will be posted as soon as possible.
 - The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:34 pm to discuss issues related to litigation with the Teacher's Union and Council 94.
 - The Board moved back into Open Session at 8:00 pm. The Board voted on a roll call to seal the minutes.
 - Director Maguire Heath presented End of Year Statistics.
- Report of the Personnel Committee:
 - The Personnel Committee provided an ice cream sundae for staff appreciation, which was very successful. The Board thanked Jane Newkirk for her efforts to make this happen.
 - Report of the Policy Committee:
 - Latex Policy – 2nd Reading
Joseph Fischgrund motioned to approve the second reading of the Latex Policy. Jane Newkirk seconded the motion. The Board approved the policy by consensus.
 - **Adjournment: 9:00 pm**

