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Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

Minutes

MeANS' Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday May 7, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Location
Maine Academy of Natural Sciences
13 Easler Road
Hinckley, ME 04944

Meeting ID
meet.google.com/ypk-ksmr-icz

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Directors Present
A. Perkins, D. Gram, E. Pariser, G. Lichterfeld, M. Callan, M. Harris, M. Oben, N. Findlan, W. King

Directors Absent
G. Bazakas

Guests Present

A. Boudreau, A. Hyde, Danni Best, E. Coleman, Elise Gudde, Grace Hilmer, Jill Lee, Juliana Rothschild, Karin Schott, P. Henyan, R. Anthony

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Callan called a meeting of the board of directors of Maine Academy of Natural Sciences to order on Thursday May 7, 2026 at 4:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

D. Public Comment

Eggs for sale - please purchase some!

E. Staff/Student Presentation

Threshold Program - Jazmyne Patterson (student)

-Graduating this year/Discussed the Threshold program and how it benefited her.

II. Consent Agenda (Action requested by approval of Consent Agenda)

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 12th, 2026 Board Meeting

M. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from MeANS' Board Meeting on 03-12-26.
W. King seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approval of Committee Reports

M. Harris made a motion to Accept.
W. King seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Action Items

A. First Reading of HR Policies

-Martha - We are trying to get them to be "MeANS'" Policies vs. "GWH" Policies.
-Any comments and the second vote we will talk about/do at our next meeting.
A. Perkins made a motion to Accept First Reading (100's).

M. Oben seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
E. Pariser made a motion to Accept First Reading (200's).
A. Perkins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Finance for Board Review

First reading of 26-27 SY Budget/Presentation
-Ashley made pie charts to illustrate where our revenue is coming from, our expenses, etc.
-Budget is conservative, except fuel and electricity budget was increased to reflect market.
-Increase in Threshold teachers (1.5) to grow the program.
-Having a balance to bring forward (3 months worth of expenses) is very important.
-We will finalize it at the next meeting/vote on it.

IV. Information Sharing

A. Update on New Board Member Search

Mary - We spoke with 7 or 8 people, and we are striking out - If we know anyone with a Finance background, let the Executive Committee know.

Emanuel - Possible Development Committee members, including 1 alumni.

B. Proposed Board Meetings 26-27

We will vote on these in June - taking feedback until then.

C. Proposed School Calendar 26-27

Evan
-Campus Calendar basically the same as this year - built in Remote Days have come in handy.
-We will vote on these in June - feedback until then.

D. 3 Year Strategic Goals

Martha - Ad-Hoc Committee working on these goals.
-Re-formatted draft coming soon.

E. HOS Report

Ryan
-Almost the final quarter of the school year!
-2 month review and looking forward:

-Spring Intensives were a success, as well as MeANS' Maple Sunday/made A LOT of syrup this year./Tree fundraiser was a hit.
-Working hard to figure out graduates.
-Successful field trips/student volunteer opportunities.
-Successful Family STEM Night, Spring Coffeehouse, and formed Prom Committee (June 13.)
-Envirothon - Kids won the current issue presentation.
-Working on our Chronic Absenteeism/Attendance competition/awards - gathering Gift Cards to local businesses, etc.
-Spring Testing this week - Went very well/85% of our students have tested so far, with make-ups to be done next week; (seeing a lot of growth/good results.)/AP students test next week.
-Enrollment - About to have our 4th Open House/Shadow Day; (struggling to enroll our 9th grade.)
-Trying to Hire a Custodian and a couple of Threshold teachers.
-Fundraising - Over $20,000/surpassed our goal already!
-Charter Renewal Check-In on 6/1.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Callan