

Founders' Forum

September 17, 2011

Presenters & Panelists

(In order of appearance on the agenda)

Judith D. Jones, MACS - Judith, MACS' Board Chair, is a sociologist and taught at American and George Washington Universities. She served as an education planner and facilities planner for the Washington D.C. Public School System. Her 1986 book documented an early public school choice program, "Six School Complex: A Successful Innovation in Washington, D.C.'s Public Schools." Judith was a founder of the D.C. charter school program and remains on the board of the D.C. charter school support group FOCUS (Friends of Choice in Urban Schools).

Steve Zimmerman, the OWN Foundation - Steve is the Executive Director of the OWN Foundation. Steve was a founder of OWN Charter School and served for five years as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was an elementary school teacher in the inner-city of Chicago during the Model Cities Program years and later worked as a science editor. Before becoming involved in the charter school movement, Steve owned and operated an educational development company, BookLinks Publishing Services, which developed ESL and bilingual materials for US school publishers.

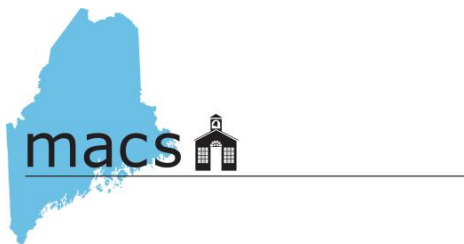
Wayne Jones, Network of Independent Charter Schools - Wayne is a graduate of Northwestern University and Yale Law School and currently is a consultant with JPS Solutions, LLC., a consulting firm that contracts with the Network of Independent Charter Schools to provide services to charter schools. Wayne specializes in grantwriting, strategic planning and program evaluation. Since 1995, he has secured more than \$22 million in grants and government contracts for schools, school districts and educational not-for-profit organizations. Wayne advised the U.S. Department of Education regarding grant proposals and statewide Goals 2000 and Technology Plans. From 1990 through 1994, he was Vice President of a political consulting firm that advised the campaigns of national elected officials—including U.S. Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-CT), U.S. Representative Charles Rangel (D-NY) and California Governor Gray Davis. He has also worked with the offices of U.S. Representative Phil Crane (R-IL) and former U.S. Representative Rick Lazio (R-NY) to support educational initiatives.

Michael Donahue, Salt Cove Enterprises - Michael is President of Salt Cove Enterprises, Inc. which publishes the "Building A Better Board Newsletter. Michael has over 45 years of professional experience in the nonprofit arena in Pennsylvania and Maine. Recently retired as Assistant Dean of the School of Business at the University of Southern Maine, he now lives in Blue Hill and serves as a consultant for numerous nonprofit organizations in the mid-coast and downeast areas.

Marylyn Wentworth, The New School - Marylyn has been an educator in Southern Maine since 1961. She's currently the Principal of The New School. She's a national consultant for school reform with the Coalition of Essential Schools, the Annenberg Institute at Brown University, the Annenberg Rural Challenge, the Foxfire Teacher Outreach Center, the National School Reform Faculty and has had a long-time involvement with The Southern Maine Partnership. She has been a consultant to many local school districts and educational endeavors for 15 years. She has been a potter and graphic artist as well as a teacher in MSAD 71, Waynflete School, and The School Around Us. She was a site coordinator and instructor for the University of Southern Maine teacher education program. Marylyn has a Maine Certificate in secondary English, K-8 general education and K-12 Art, and is a certified principal.

Matthew Speno, Special Education Consultant - Matthew Speno has been in the field of Special Education since 1998 as a teacher and consultant in both the UK and the USA. He completed his BA at the University of Baltimore and was awarded a Post Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education from Kingston University, London. Since moving to Maine in 2007, Matthew has obtained a Maine teaching certificate, with a special education endorsement. Matthew is a dedicated supporter of the Charter School movement in the US and its equivalent in the UK, the Free School movement.

(Additional panelists may be announced at the forum.)



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