

Town of Mason, New Hampshire
Mason School District
2022 Deliberative Session
February 05, 2022

The First Session, The Deliberative Session, of the Mason School District was held in the Mason Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 13 Darling Hill Road, Mason New Hampshire on February 05, 2022.

At 0900 Moderator Catherine Schwenk asked School Board Members to take their seats at the head table. All voters and nonvoters are requested to wear appropriate credentials and be seated after signing in with the Supervisors of the Checklist at the back table. Nonvoters are to be seated to the Moderators right in the front row.

There were ten voters present.

Moderator Schwenk recognized the coordinated efforts of individuals to prepare for this meeting including School District Personnel, Supervisors of the Checklist, Physical Plant Staff, Police, and Emergency Personnel. A special thank you to Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Chris Rush for clearing all the snow and ice this morning. Moderator Schwenk reviewed safety procedure calling attention to the emergency exits. There were no requests for Interpretative Services.

Roll Call and Introductions:

Chairman Dr. Christopher Guiry
Vice Chairman Bradley Gilbert
Member Jason Iannuzzo
Member Nancy Richards
Accounts Payable Brenda Wiley
School District Clerk / School Board Secretary Becky Partridge
Absent - Member Timothy Leak
Absent - Superintendent of Schools Kristen Kivela
Absent - Business Administrator Marian Alese
Absent - Administrative Assistant Heidi Delorme

Procedure

All questions will be directed to the Moderator. Once recognized state your name. All amendments and substantive motions are to be in writing and signed by the maker and seconder. For a ballot vote five voters may make a written request prior to a voice or division voter per RSA40:4a, signatures are required. Voters must be present at the meeting to request a ballot vote.

Call To Order

Moderator Schwenk: By the powers vested in me by the State of New Hampshire, I now call to order the First Session, The Deliberative Session of the Mason School District Annual Meeting at 0900h.

Opening Exercises

The Moderator asked for school board members and public to join Dr. Chris Guiry in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The first order of business is reading of the warrant. There was no objection to waive the

reading of the warrant.

Moderator Schwenk stated that voting of Articles 1-7 will be held on March 08, 2022 from 1100h to 1900h at the Mason Elementary School multi – purpose room.

*On Motion of Vice Chairman Bradley Gilbert, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 1*

To choose the following School District Officers: School Board Member (3 years), School Board Member (3 years), School District Treasurer (2 years).

*On Motion of School Board Member Nancy Richards, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 2*

To accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen as printed in the Annual Mason School District Report.

*On Motion of Chairman Dr. Chris Guiry duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 3*

Shall the Mason School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **Three Million, Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Seventy Dollars** (\$3,219,070.00). Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Three Million One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand, Thirteen Dollars** (\$3,175,013.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Mason School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only? **NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.** The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority Vote Required)

Discussion:

Dr. Chris Guiry: Default budget this year is slightly less. School Board took a barebones approach while still providing the necessary funds for our students. As in previous years largest unknowns are tuition and special education costs.

*On Motion of Vice Chairman Bradley Gilbert duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 4*

Shall the Mason School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the previously established Educating Educationally Disabled Children Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 01? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

No Discussion

*On Motion of Vice Chairman Bradley Gilbert, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 5*

Shall the Mason School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Healthcare Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2020), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 01? No amount to be raised from taxation. The

School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

No Discussion

*On Motion of School Board Member Nancy Richards, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 6*

Shall the Mason School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established School Building and Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 01? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

No Discussion

*On Motion of Vice Chairman Bradley Gilbert, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 7*

Shall the Mason School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the previously established Unanticipated Tuition Cost Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2020), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 01? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

Discussion:

Dr. Chris Guiry – Articles 5,6,7 are reserve funds that can help off set a large increase to resident's taxes in the event of a catastrophe. Said funds can only be used for their stated purposes.

There being no further business to come before the First Session, The Deliberative Session of the Mason School District a motion is in order to adjourn Sine Dai. Motion by Dr. Chris Guiry, duly seconded and **Voted**.

Adjourned Sine Dai at 0920h.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca L. Partridge

School District Clerk
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