

Mason School District
Special Hearing Article 6 Rescinding SB2
School Board Meeting
February 11, 2013

A special hearing on article 6 (rescinding SB2) and a regular scheduled meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday February 11, 2013 in the Mason Elementary School Multi - Purpose room, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

Recognition of Public

Refer to sign in sheet 02-11-13

SPECIAL HEARING ARTICLE 6 RESCINDING SB2

Chairperson Bob Hemmer called the budget hearing to order at 1900h.

Roll Call:

School Board Members: Chairperson Bob Hemmer, Vice Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager, John Diefenbach, Jeannine Phalon, and Rob Doyle.

Superintendent Jim McCormick

Elected Officers: Secretary Partridge and Moderator Schwenk

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Chairperson Bob Hemmer opened the floor for discussion on Article 6 Rescinding SB2

Discussion:

Donald Hodges inquired why the wording of the article had been revised, removing "returning to town meeting". District Clerk Partridge informed him that the wording of the article is by statute. Mr. Hodges stated he believed that SB2 took away his right as a citizen to debate the issues before voting.

It was discussed that several people who support SB2 feel intimidated at the meeting. And therefore feel that the official ballot is the way to have their voices heard. Moderator Schwenk reminded the public that one can request a secret ballot on any article simply by providing five signatures.

Garth Fletcher informed the public that a few years ago he published research on the finding of towns that adopted SB2. There was clear evidence that there was a reduction in voter participation and over time SB2 increased budgets. Mr. Fletcher reminded the public town meetings are a critical part of democracy, it provides a venue for voters to debate and become informed on the issues to be voted.

Motion by Jeannine Phalon to adjourn the hearing and enter in to the regular schedule meeting at 1920h, seconded by Robert Doyle

aye: Phalon, Hemmer, Diefenbach, Doyle, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

Roll Call:

School Board Members: Chairperson Bob Hemmer, Vice Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager, John Diefenbach, Jeannine Phalon, and Rob Doyle.

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Elected Officers: Secretary Becky Partridge, and Moderator Schwenk

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Stephanie Syre-Hager to approve minutes dated January 07, 2013 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Robert Doyle

aye: Syre-Hager, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Phalon
nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meeting:

- Monday March 11, 2013: 1900h MES Multi-Purpose Room – Regular Scheduled Meeting

Public Communications:

Patricia Cross inquired about the amount budgeted for transportation and if the district ever investigated purchasing buses. It was discussed that the district did investigate purchasing buses and providing their own transportation however it was determined that there was little to no cost savings.

Business Manager:

Jim McCormick on behalf of Brenda Wiley submitted current manifest and payroll. It is noted that board members signed manifest and payroll.

Superintendent's Report:

- Process for Student Service Referrals completed – Rob Doyle asked if in the flow chart it was prudent to put the step where parents have an appeal process. Mr. McCormick agreed.
- Superintendent's January parent meeting agenda
- Staff Development Day went well
- Parent letter regarding busing on delayed opening sent out
- Monthly enrollment provided
- Audit report – still waiting, should have been received today
- Police safety walk through – intruder drill will take place this spring
- Letter of thank you to Selectmen regarding Police Department assistance
- Letter from Selectmen - declined combined Town Report opportunity
- Pre-School, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 registration night – Thursday March 14 from 4-5PM

Unfinished Business:

Signed warrant as adjusted at the Deliberative Session on February 2, 2013 – Addition of the word "Thousand" to the budget and default budget

New Business:

- Superintendent recommends the school board accepts \$50.00 from TerraCycle Inc. for Capri Sun juice containers

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept \$50.00 from TerraCycle Inc. for Capri Sun juice containers, seconded by Jeannine Phalon

aye: Syre-Hager, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Phalon

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nay: none
Motion carried 5-0

- Superintendent recommends the school board accepts donation from Ad-Tech

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept donation from Ad-Tech, seconded by John Diefenbach
aye: Syre-Hager, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Phalon
nay: none
Motion carried 5-0

- Superintendent recommends the school board sign three year renewal with Primex for Workers Compensation and Property & Liability Insurance

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to sign three year renewal with Primex for Workers Compensation and Property & Liability Insurance, seconded by Jeannine Phalon
aye: Syre-Hager, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Phalon
nay: none
Motion carried 5-0

- Superintendent's review and format – the board agreed that Stephanie would email the forms to be used to evaluate the Superintendent. During the board's work session on February 28 these will be reviewed and on March 11 the board will present the evaluation to Mr. McCormick.

Committee Reports:
None

Policies:
None

School Board Requests:
None

Motion by Rob Doyle to enter into executive session at 1945 per RSA 91-A:3 II, (c) adversely affecting the reputation of any person, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager
aye: Doyle, Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer, Diefenbach
nay: none
Motion Carried: 5-0

Roll Call: Chairperson Bob Hemmer, Vice Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager, Jeannine Phalon, Robert Doyle, Secretary Becky Partridge, Superintendent Jim McCormick

Discussion:

- Tuition payment and update

Motion by Rob Doyle to enter back into public session at 2010h, seconded by Jeannine Phalon
aye: Doyle, Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer, Diefenbach
nay: none

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Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion by Rob Doyle to approve the non-public minutes dated January 07, 2013 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Jeannine Phalon

*aye: Doyle, Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer, Diefenbach
nay: none*

Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion by Rob Doyle to seal executive session minutes February 11, 2013 due to adversely affecting the reputation of any person, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

*aye: Syre-Hager, Hemmer, Doyle, Phalon, Diefenbach
nay: none*

Motion carried 5-0

Stephanie Syre-Hager moved to adjourn the meeting at 2015, seconded by Rob Doyle
The meeting adjourned unanimously at 2015h.

Respectfully Submitted,


Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary

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