

Mason School District
School Board Organizational Meeting
And
Regular Scheduled Meeting
March 17, 2014

An Organizational and Regular scheduled meetings of the Mason NH School District were held on Monday March 17, 2014 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 03-17-14

Moderator Catherine Schwenk called the meeting to order at 1900h

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

Roll Call:

School Board Members:, Jeannine Phalon, Rob Doyle, and Dr. Chris Guiry

Outgoing member Stephanie Syre-Hager

Newly elected Tim Leak

Absent: Bob Hemmer

Superintendent Jim McCormick

Elected Officers: Secretary Becky Partridge and Moderator Catherine Schwenk

Staff: School Principal Kathryn Wyman and Accounts Payable Brenda Wiley

Approval of Minutes:

*Motion by **Rob Doyle** to approve Deliberative Session minutes dated February 1, 2014 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by **Jeannine Phalon***

aye: Syre-Hager, Phalon, Doyle

nay: none

Abstain: Dr. Guiry

Motion carried 3-0

Results of the Second Session of the Annual Mason School District Meeting:

954 registered voters

5 new registered voters

312 cast ballots representing a 32% turnout.

School Board Member: Robert Doyle – 223

School Board Member: Timothy Leak -- 73 (by write-in vote)

Moderator: Catherine Schwenk -- 259

Treasurer: Susan Schulman -- 251

Art. 2 -- Yes 256 No 27

Art. 3 -- Yes 242 No 56

Art. 4 -- Yes 125 No 179 (SB2 [to rescind] failed, needed 183 to pass)

2013/2014 Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager installed Moderator Catherine Schwenk.

Moderator Catherine Schwenk installed the following elected officials, School Board Members Rob Doyle and Tim Leak.

Nomination of Chairperson: Rob Doyle nominates **Rob Doyle** seconded by Dr. Chris Guiry,
Those in favor of **Rob Doyle** as Chairperson

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Aye: Dr. Guiry, Phalon, Doyle, Leak
Nay: None
Rob Doyle elected Chairperson 4-0

Nomination of Vice Chairperson: Jeannine Phalon nominates **Jeannine Phalon**, seconded by Dr. Chris Guiry

Those in favor of **Jeannine Phalon** as Vice Chairperson

Aye: Dr. Guiry, Phalon, Doyle, Leak

Nay: None

Jeannine Phalon elected Vice Chairperson 4-0

*Motion by **Dr. Chris Guiry** to have a Letter of Appreciation drafted for former School Board Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager, seconded by **Jeannine Phalon***

aye: Phalon, Dr. Guiry, Doyle, Leak

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 1917h and enter into the Regular Scheduled Meeting, seconded by **Dr. Chris Guiry***

aye: Phalon, Dr. Guiry, Doyle, Leak

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

Roll Call:

School Board Members: Chairperson Rob Doyle, Vice Chairperson Jeannine Phalon, Dr. Chris Guiry, and Tim Leak

Superintendent Jim McCormick

Elected Officers: Secretary Becky Partridge and Moderator Catherine Schwenk

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Announcements of Next Scheduled Meeting:

- Monday April 14, 2014: 1900h MES Multi -Purpose Room – Regular Scheduled Meeting

Public Communications:

Barbara Devore inquired about the procedure to hold a Conservation Committee sponsored program. Mr. McCormick stated that one would speak with the School Principal Kathryn Wyman. Barbara Devore reiterated that, if needed, she is available to review the School Report before publication.

Business Report:

Brenda Wiley submitted current manifest and payroll. It is noted that board members signed manifest and payroll.

Superintendent's Report:

- NECAP Results – Presented by Kathryn Wyman – excellent, above state average
- Recognition of previous School Board Member and Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager Jeannine Phalon, on behalf of Jim and the Staff, presented Stephanie with a Mason Mustang and Mason on

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the Move t-shirt – thank you for your dedication and service to the school

- Jim and fellow School Board Members welcomed Tim Leak
- Electricity Savings – Brenda Wiley continues to work hard at getting the best possible rates and the district continues to see low rates because of her timely payments
- February enrollment numbers including middle / high school
- Eat With Your Child Day – March 28th
- Change of dates for closing of grades and Report Cards due to snow days and/or early dismissal/ delays
- February cafeteria report – higher lunches / lower breakfast counts
- NHSAA Legislative Working Bills – 1) bill proposed to eliminate Common Core Curriculum and 2) bill proposed to eliminate testing. Mr. McCormick stated that Mason will continue to move forward.
- Integrated Classroom Technology Demo on Insight 360 – March 19th
- First Student Transportation deduction of \$135.00 due to Mason was provided only one bus for early bus

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Rough draft of School Board Meeting Calendar for 2014/2015:

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to amend the meeting calendar from March 16th to March 9th, no second*

Discussion: Dr. Guiry stated that there should be a meeting shortly after the election to install new members, Mrs. Phalon agreed however she would like to see a meeting before the election to finish any business that outgoing members are involved in.

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to amend her motion to amend the school meeting calendar to add a March 9th meeting to finish business that outgoing members are involved in and hold the organizational meeting on March 23 to install new members, seconded by **Dr. Chris Guiry***

aye: Phalon, Dr. Guiry, Doyle, Leak

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

- Pre-approve incoming funds from Terra Cycle Points cash donation

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to pre-approve incoming funds from Terra Cycle Points cash donation, seconded by **Dr. Chris Guiry***

aye: Phalon, Dr. Guiry, Doyle, Leak

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

Committee Reports:

None

Policies: Becky Partridge

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*Motion by **Dr. Guiry** to accept the second reading and approve policies EEAEA - Requirements for school bus operators and other transportation personnel: Mandatory drug and alcohol testing and EEAA – Video and audio surveillance on school property as previously amended, seconded by **Jeannine Phalon***

aye: Phalon, Dr. Guiry, Doyle, Leak

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

Please consider these policies reviewed and recommended by the committee to "leave as is":

JCA- Change of School or Assignment **JEA-** Compulsory Attendance Age

JEC- Manifest Education Hardship **JFA-** Residency

JFAA- Admission of Resident Students **JFAB-** Admission of Tuition and Non-Resident Students

JFABB - Foreign Exchange Students **JG-** Assignment of Students to Classes and Grade Levels

JH- Student Absences and Excuses **JHC-** Student Release Precautions

JI- Student Rights and Responsibilities **JIA-** Student Due Process Rights

JIB- Student Involvement in Decision Making **JIC-** Student Conduct

JICA- Students Dress Code **JICC-** Student Conduct on School Buses

JICD- Student Conduct, Discipline and Due Process **JICE-** Student Publication

JICEA- Student Productions **JICF-** Gang Activity

JICFA- Hazing **JICG-** Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession in and on School Facilities and Grounds

JICH - Drug and Alcohol Use by Students **JICI-** Weapons on School Property

JICJ- Unauthorized Communication Devices **JIHC-** Use of Metal Detectors

JIE- Pregnant Students **JIJ-** Student Protests, Demonstrations and Strikes

JJA- Student Activities and Organizations **JJE-** Student Fund- Raising Activities

JJF- Student Activities Fund Management **JJG-** Non-School Sponsored Contests for Students

JKA- Corporal Punishment **JLC-** Student Health Services

JLCC- Communicable Disease **JLCCA-** HIV/ AIDS

JLCD- Administering Medication to Students **JLCE-** First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

JLCEA- Use of Automated External Defibrillator(s) **JLCG-** Exclusion of Students From School For Illness

JLD- School Guidance and Counseling Program **JLDBA-** Behavior Management and Intervention

JLIA- Supervision of Students **JLIF-** Receipt and Use of Sex Offender Registry Information

JM- Student Awards **JQ-** Student Fees, Fines, and Charges **JRC-** Release of Student Information

The committee recommends archiving policy **JICHA** – Breathalyzer at Student School Events

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to accept the committee's recommendation to consider the above stated policies "as reviewed" and policy **JICHA** – Breathalyzer at Student School Events archived, seconded by **Dr. Chris Guiry***

aye: Phalon, Dr. Guiry, Doyle, Leak

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

The committee recommends the following changes:

- **JEB** – Age of Entrance: add as last sentence "exceptions at the discretion of the Superintendent"

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with final approval by School Board”

- **JEC** – Manifest Education Hardship: first paragraph remove sentence after “reassignment”
- **JFABD** – Admission of Homeless Students: remove “No Child Left Behind” replace “Per Federal Law”
- **JIH** – Student Searches and Their Property: Remove “whenever possible” replace with “always two adults” - brief discussion will remain being changed to “always two adults”
- **JIHD** – Student Interviews and Interrogation: add parent must be notified when interrogated by law enforcement
- **JKB** – Detention of Students: Remove “May” replace “shall” (parents will be responsibly for transportation of after hour detention
- **JLCA** – Physical Examination of Students: Remove “Religious” replace “Moral Objection”, remove third paragraph
- **JLCB** – Immunization of Students: Remove “Religious” replace “Moral Objection”
- **JLI** – Safety Program: Add “policy shall be reviewed annually prior to the start of the school year”

After a brief discussion it was agreed that policy **JLCF**- Wellness Policy will be placed “on hold” until the conclusion of the state food services audit next month.

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to accept the committee's first reading recommendations on the amendments to the above stated policies, seconded by **Dr. Chris Guiry***

aye: Phalon, Dr. Guiry, Doyle, Leak

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

School Board Requests:

- P.E. Presentation

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to enter into executive session at 2040h per RSA 91-A:3 II, (a) dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee and (b) hiring of any public employee, seconded by **Dr. Chris Guiry***

aye: Doyle, Dr. Guiry, Phalon, Leak

nay: none

Motion Carried: 4-0

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to have former School Board Member Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager participate in the executive session, seconded by **Dr. Chris Guiry***

There was no objection from Superintendent Jim McCormick

aye: Doyle, Dr. Guiry, Phalon, Leak

nay: none

Motion Carried: 4-0

Roll Call: Chairperson Rob Doyle, Vice Chairperson Jeannine Phalon, Dr. Chris Guiry, and Tim Leak
Secretary Becky Partridge, and Superintendent Jim McCormick
Guest: Former School Board Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager

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Discussion:

- Superintendent's Evaluation
- Staffing

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to enter back into public session at 2055h, seconded by **Dr. Chris Guiry**
aye: Doyle, Phalon, Dr. Guiry, Leak
nay: none*

Motion Carried: 4-0

***Dr. Guiry** moved to adjourn the meeting 2055h, seconded by **Jeannine Phalon**
The meeting adjourned unanimously at 2055h.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca T. Partridge

Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary