

Mason School District
Budget Hearing
School Board Meeting
January 07, 2013

A budget hearing and regular scheduled meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday January 07, 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 01-07-13

BUDGET HEARING

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 Becky Partridge and Moderator Catherine Schwenk

Employees: Business Manager Brenda Wiley and Principal Kathryn Wyman

MRI Consultant Mike O'Neil

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

Presentation of Budget and Default Budget: (Available on website)

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the presented budget which will allow discussion at the Deliberative Session by the voters of Mason, seconded by Jeannine Phalon

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

nay: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion by Jeannine Phalon to adjourn the budget hearing and enter in to the regular schedule meeting at 2005h, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

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.

Superintendent Jim McCormick

Elected Officers: Secretary Becky Partridge

Employees: Business Manager Brenda Wiley and Principal Kathryn Wyman

MRI Consultant Mike O'Neil

Chairperson Bob Hemmer asked for a Moment of Silence for the Town of Newtown, CT.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Robert Doyle to approve minutes dated December 10, 2012 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Jeannine Phalon

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

nay: none

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Motion carried 5-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meeting:

- Monday January 28, 2013: 1900h MES Multi-Purpose Room – Regular Scheduled Meeting

Public Communications:

Wolfgang Milbrandt requested that the draft minutes be placed on the website. Secretary Partridge explained that approved minutes are on the website and drafts are available upon request.

Business Manager:

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

Milford Student's Report:

- "We The People" government team won regional and will continue on in the competition
- Ski Team successful this year
- Various charities continuing throughout the year

Superintendent's Report:

- All District reports ready for the Annual Report
- School safety re-evaluated with Chief of Police – No major changes, everything looked good
- January school calendar provided
- Holiday Concert a success
- Monthly enrollment provided; addition of children
- NAEP 2013 parent / guardian notification letter
- Letter from Bob Suprenant to parents of Milford High School students in regards to an safety investigation where no harm was found
- Thank you to Jennifer Dillon, Maria Pappas, and Stephanie Hurley for the snow flakes that were sent to Sandy Hook Elementary School
- Update on Audit Report – still have not received, given firm until January 15
- Superintendent recommends the school board accept a donation from Adtech Systems Account Manager Dennis Descheneaux for ten video splitters which was initiated by Peter Balducci

Motion by John Diefenbach to accept the donation of ten video splitters, seconded by Robert Doyle
aye: Syre-Hager, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Phalon
nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

- Superintendent recommends the school board accepts \$17.01 from Abibow Recycling for the paper retrieval

Motion by Jeannine Phalon to accept \$17.01 from Abibow Recycling for the paper retrieval, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

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

Motion carried 5-0

Unfinished Business:

- Parent Survey – Jeannine Phalon: Presented a PowerPoint of the results of the survey, overall

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very good. Results will be used to help set goals and improve the district

New Business:

- Review of Petition Article – citizen brought forth a warrant article to rescind SB2. Signatures were verified and district took possession
- Line Item Budget was available to the public (all budget items available on website)
- Superintendent recommends the school board accept the 2013 / 2014 budget of \$2,976,896.00

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the 2013 / 2014 budget as presented on January 07, 2013 for \$2,976,896.00 thus allowing the voters of Mason discussion on it at the Deliberative Session, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

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

Motion carried 5-0

It is noted that board members signed the 2013 / 2014 budget

- Superintendent recommends the school board approve proposed warrant articles for 2013 / 2014 (individual approval of above stated warrants occurred at the December 10, 2012 meeting)

Motion by Robert Doyle to approve the proposed warrant articles as presented on January 07, 2013 and bring them to the voters of Mason at the Deliberative Session, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

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

Motion carried 5-0

It is noted that board members signed the proposed warrant articles 2013 / 2014

- Superintendent recommends the school board approve the default budget in the amount of \$2,978,615.00

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the default budget as prepared by Mike O'Neil for 2013 / 2014, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

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

Motion carried 5-0

It is noted that board members signed the 2013 / 2014 default budget

Committee Reports:

None

Policies:

None

School Board Requests:

- Request for Bus Update – Robert Doyle: There has been no major issues this year, have looked at all scenarios from combing the buses to having more small buses, having the two large buses is the best scenario. Melissa Ziemiecki inquired whether it has ever been investigated why so many parents drive their children to school. Jeannine Phalon said that it would be a good question to put on next years' parent survey.
- Request for Business Managers Duties and Responsibility – Robert Doyle – copies in folder for school board members
- Request for Physical Education Course Plan – Robert Doyle – copies in folder for school board members. Rob Doyle was concerned that the extra day of PE would just be filled with kids playing

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but what he wanted to see was the children being taught fitness for life and good nutrient and he was pleased with the course plan that these things would be taught. Mr. Doyle requested that such a course plan be provided for all the specials. Mr. McCormick said that was in the works and can have it to the board by the close of the school year.

Motion by Rob Doyle to enter into executive session at 2100 per RSA 91-A:3 II, (a) dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee and (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
- Compensation of public employee

Motion by Rob Doyle to enter back into public session at 2115h, 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 January 07, 2013 due to adversely affecting the reputation of any person and contract negotiations, 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 2020, seconded by **Rob Doyle**,
The meeting adjourned unanimously at 2020h.

Respectfully Submitted,


Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary