

Mason School District  
Public Budget Hearing  
and  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
January 12, 2026

Chairperson Colin Robinson called the meeting to order at 1830h.

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

**Roll Call:**

Chairperson: Colin Robinson.

Board Members: Nate Choquette, Mike Judge.and Courtney Landry..

Absent: Vice Chairperson Tim Leak.

Superintendent / Principal: Kristen Kivela.

Accounts Payable: Brenda Wiley.

Secretary/Clerk: Becky Partridge.

Milford Student Representative: Braeden Sullivan.

**Presentation of Budget:**

- Significant increase in Milford regular tuition due to small graduating class but large class moving onto middle school. Will off set a portion by using \$80,000.00 from the capital reserve fund.
- 2.8% staff salary increase.
- Increase in insurance.
- The maintenance cost of the building is increasing due to age.
- The proposed budget is \$4,224,351.00 with the default being \$4,187,437.00.

*Motion by **Nate Choquette**, to adjourn the public hearing at 1903h, seconded by **Mike Judge**.*

***Aye:** Choquette, Judge, Landry, Robinson*

***Nay:** None*

***Motion Carried 4-0***

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**Roll Call:**

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Board Members: Nate Choquette, Mike Judge.and Courtney Landry..

Absent: Vice Chairperson Tim Leak.

Superintendent / Principal: Kristen Kivela.

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**Approval of Minutes:**

*Motion by **Mike Judge** to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025 as submitted, seconded by **Courtney Landry**.*

*Aye: Judge, Landry, Robinson*

*Nay: None*

***Motion Carried 3-0***

**Next Meeting:**

February 07, 2026 Deliberative Session at 0900h at Mason Elementary School Multi-purpose Room.

February 16, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting at 1830h at Mason Elementary School Multi-purpose Room.

**Business Manager's Report:**

It is noted that the current manifest and payroll were approved and signed by board members.

**Milford Student Representative:** Braeden Sullivan

- State Champions - We the People (Civics Club). Will continue on to Nationals in Washington DC.
- Graduation - will be held on that Friday evening under the lights.
- Valentine Dance - fundraiser.
- Senior class will be renting gowns for staff to wear at graduation including their elementary school teachers.

**Public Communications:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Curriculum Updates:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

- 2026 / 2027 Article 3 Budget

*Motion by **Mike Judge** to accept article 3 - budget as written, seconded by **Nate Choquette**.*

*Aye: Choquette, Judge, Landry, Robinson*

*Nay: None*

***Motion Carried 4-0***

- 2026 / 2027 Warrant Articles
  - Article 4 - Educating Educationally Disabled Children Capital Reserve

*Motion by **Courtney Landry** to accept article 4 - Educating Educationally Disabled Children Capital Reserve as written, seconded by **Nate Choquette**.*

*Aye: Choquette, Judge, Landry, Robinson*

*Nay: None*

***Motion Carried 4-0***

- Article 5 - School Building and Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve

*Motion by **Mike Judge** to accept article 5 - School Building and Grounds Capital Reserve as written, seconded by **Courtney Landry**.*

*Aye: Choquette, Judge, Landry, Robinson*

*Nay: None*

***Motion Carried 4-0***

- Article 6 - Tuition Capital Reserve

*Motion by **Nate Choquette** to accept article 6 - Tuition Capital Reserve as written, seconded by **Mike Judge**.*

*Aye: Choquette, Judge, Landry, Robinson*

*Nay: None*

***Motion Carried 4-0***

- Article 7 - Open Enrollment - Discussion - Revise - “allow up to 10% of students to attend open enrollment middle and high school” from “allow up to 5% of students to attend open enrollment middle and high school”.

*Motion by **Nate Choquette** to accept article 7 - Open enrollment as revised, seconded by **Mike Judge**.*

*Aye: Choquette, Judge, Landry, Robinson*

*Nay: None*

***Motion Carried 4-0***

- Prepare for Deliberative Session - assign warrant articles for board members to read and discuss.

**New Business:** None

**Superintendent / Principal’s Report:** Kristen Kivela

- Important Dates: January 19 - MLK no school, Feb 6 - School dance, 7 -Deliberative Session,16 - Board meeting, 23-27 winter break.
- Plumbing issues - nurses bathroom toilet back up - floor needs to be removed and camera used to evaluate clog.
- Wilton Superintendent - Would like to meet to discuss curriculum because of our high scores. Would also like to discuss future possibilities of Mason middle and high school students attending Wilton.

**Committee Reports** - None

**Non-Public Session** - None

**Courtney Landry** moved to adjourn the meeting at 1930h, seconded by **Nate Choquette**.

The meeting adjourned unanimously at 1930h.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*Rebecca L. Partridge*

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School Board Secretary

