

Town of Mason, New Hampshire  
Mason School District  
2020 Deliberative Session  
February 01, 2020

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 01, 2020.

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 fourteen voters and two nonvoters 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.

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 Timothy Leak

Member Nancy Richards

Secretary / District Clerk Becky Partridge

Superintendent of Schools Kristen Kivela

Business Manager Michael O'Neill

Accounts Payable Brenda Wiley

**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 requests 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 0901h.

**Opening Exercises**

The Moderator asked for school board members and public to join Bob Bergeron, long time resident and volunteer of Mason, 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.

On Motion of Chairman Dr. Chris Guiry, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** that the following

*individuals be permitted to speak, as needed on school district affairs: Superintendent Kristen Kivela, and Business Manager Michael O'Neill.*

Supervisor of the Checklist Dotsie Milbrandt brought to the attention of the Moderator that the printed time on the warrant of the opening of the polls on March 10 was 1100h, however the selectmen approved the opening to be 0800h.

On Motion of Chairman Dr. Chris Guiry, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to change the time from 1100h to 0800h on the warrant.

Moderator Schwenk informed the public that the voting of Articles 1-6 will be held on March 10, 2020 from 0800h to 1900h.

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), School District Moderator (3 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.*

#### **Discussion:**

Charlie Moser - "What year report are we approving?" Dr. Chris Guiry - "2019"

Connie LaCasse - "If we haven't seen the report yet, how can we approve it?" Mike

O'Neill - "What you are approving is placing the article on the ballot, not the report itself"

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 One Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$3,168,942.00). Should this Article be defeated, the default Budget shall be Three Million One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$3,122,271.00) 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:**

No discussion

On Motion of School Board Member Tim Leak 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, 2020, 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:**

Currently \$90,000 in fund. One out of district placement can be hundreds of thousands annually.

Connie LaCasse - "If the money does not come from taxation where does the money come from?" Dr. Chris Guiry - "The money that is not expended in the previous year before returning to the town, as we send a substantial amount of money back to the town even after funding these accounts. Last year the district returned almost \$240,000 back to the town after funding these accounts."

*On Motion of School Board Member Jason Iannuzzo, 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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2020, 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:**

Currently \$40,000 in fund.

*On Motion of Vice Chairman Bradley Gilbert, 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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the previously established Unanticipated Tuition Cost Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2020, 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:**

Currently \$20,000 in fund. Connie LaCasse - "Does these collect interest?" Dr. Chris Guiry - "yes"

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 voter, duly seconded and **Voted**.

Adjourned Sine Dai at 0920h.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rebecca L. Partridge*

School District Clerk  
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