

Town of Mason, New Hampshire
Mason School District
2019 Deliberative Session
February 02, 2019

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 02, 2019.

At 0900h 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 0904h.

Opening Exercises

The Moderator asked for the 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.

Thank you for your service to the residents and Town of Mason.

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.

Moderator Schwenk informed the public that Article 1 is the election of school district officers which will be held at the Mason Town Hall on March 12, 2019 from 11 A.M. To 7 P.M..

*On Motion of Chairman Dr. Chris Guiry, 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 Clerk (2 years)

*On Motion of Chairman Dr. Chris Guiry, 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.

*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 Fifty Four Thousand, Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$3,154,317.00). Should this Article be defeated, the default Budget shall be Three Million Eighty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$3,088,568.00) 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:

Dr. Chris Guiry recognized Michael O'Neill to discuss the default budget. Mr. O'Neill discussed the changes in state legislature that now reflect a default budget that is less than the budget. In most previous years the default budget was higher than the budget. Changes such as not being able to reflect the increase of transportation cost in the default budget makes the default budget larger.

*On Motion of School Board Member Bradley Gilbert, 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, 2018, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on June 30? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

Discussion:

Currently \$70,000 in fund. One out of district placement can be hundreds of thousands annually.

*On Motion of School Board Member Tim Leak, 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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) 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, 2018, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on June 30? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

Discussion:

Currently \$15,000 in fund.

District returned \$261,000 to the town last year so in order to off set future costs of maintenance would like to continue to increase these funds.

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 T. Partridge

School District Clerk
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