

Town of Mason, New Hampshire
Mason School District
2023 Deliberative Session
February 04, 2023

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 04, 2023.

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 Catherine 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 Catherine 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 Jason Iannuzzo
School Board Member Bradley Gilbert
School Board Member Tim Leak
School Board Member Colin Robinson
Accounts Payable Brenda Wiley
School District Clerk / School Board Secretary Becky Partridge
Superintendent of Schools Kristen Kivela

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 request prior to a voice or division voter per RSA 40:4(a), signatures are required. Voters must be present at the meeting to request a ballot vote.

Call To Order

Moderator Catherine 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 0900h.

Opening Exercises

The Moderator asked for School Board Members and public to join Dr. Christopher Guiry 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.

Approved April 10, 2023

District Clerk Partridge stated that voting of Articles 1-7 will be held on March 14, 2023 from 1100h to 1900h at the Mason Elementary School multi – purpose room.

On Motion of Chairman Dr. Christopher Guiry, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to allow Superintendent Kristen Kivela to speak. Motion passed

On Motion of School Board Member Tim Leak, 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 (3 years), School District Moderator (3 years).

On Motion of School Board Member Tim Leak, 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. Christopher 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, Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars** (\$3,687,538.00). Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Three Million, Five Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars** (\$3,592,824.00) 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. Christopher Guiry: Three main factors contributing to the increase: Inflation across all items, teacher salaries, and Out of District Placement. In regards to the teacher salaries our teachers have proven their devotion to the education of the students though standardized test scores, community atmosphere, and time spent beyond just the school day.

On Motion of School Board Member Colin Robinson 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, 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 \$150,000.00. Some of these funds will be used to off set the out of district placement.

On Motion of Vice Chairman 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 Healthcare Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2020), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 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 \$50,000.00

*On Motion of School Board Member 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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established School Building and Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 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 \$50,000.00

*On Motion of School Board Member, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 7*

Shall the Mason School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the previously established Unanticipated Tuition Cost Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2020), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 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 \$80,000.00

Dr. Christopher Guiry: Funds play an important role in keeping the tax burden down when it comes to unanticipated emergencies.

Dr. Christopher Guiry: As a school board and members of the community we would like to thank Moderator Catherine Schwenk for her time and dedication as school district moderator. Moderator Catherine Schwenk began her career in 1984/85 as Mascenic Regional School District Moderator and continued uninterrupted through the withdrawal of Mason and subsequently became Mason School District's Moderator. Superintendent Kristen Kivela presented her with a gift.

District Clerk Partridge noted the error on the draft warrant stating that the location of voting was at the Town Hall. Voting will be at the Mason Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room on March 14, 2023.

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 Dr. Christopher Guiry, duly seconded and **Voted**.*

Adjourned Sine Dai at 0932h.

Respectfully Submitted,



School District Clerk
Rebecca L. Partridge

Approved April 10, 2023