

Town of Mason, New Hampshire
Mason School District
2021 Deliberative Session
February 06, 2021

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 06, 2021.

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 ten 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 Nancy Richards

Member Timothy Leak - Absent

Secretary / District Clerk Becky Partridge

Superintendent of Schools Kristen Kivela

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 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 individual be permitted to speak, as needed on school district affairs: Superintendent Kristen Kivela.*

Moderator Schwenk informed the public that the voting of Articles 1-8 will be held on March 09, 2021 from 1100h to 1900h at the Mason Elementary School Multi-purpose room.

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 District Clerk (2 years).

On Motion of School Board Vice Chairman Bradley Gilbert, 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.

No Discussion:

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 Two Hundred Fifty Three Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$3,253,627.00)**. Should this Article be defeated, the default Budget shall be **Three Million One Hundred Ninety Four Thousand, Eighty Three Dollars (\$3,194,083.00)** 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 40:13X 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 – Budget increased by 2.67%. Review of the past twelve years budget has increased and decreased. Overall the budget from the inception of the district (twelve years) has increased \$361,282.00.

On Motion of School Board Member Jason Iannuzzo 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, 2021, 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.)

No Discussion:

On Motion of School Board Member Nancy Richards, 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, 2021, 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.)

No Discussion

*On Motion of School Board Member Jason Iannuzzo, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 6*

Shall the Mason School District vote to establish a Healthcare Capital Reserve Fund under provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of paying unanticipated healthcare expenses, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in this fund; and further designate the school board as agents to expend from the healthcare capital reserve fund? Such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2021, 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.)

No Discussion:

*On Motion of Chairman Dr. Chris Guiry duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 7*

Shall the Mason School District vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II. Such fund balance retained may only be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergencies to be approved by the Department of Education under RSA 32:1. The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

No Discussion:

*On Motion of Vice Chairman Bradley Gilbert duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 8*

Shall the Mason School District accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district in an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by the school district, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other government unit or private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

No Discussion:

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 0910h.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca L. Partridge

School District Clerk
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