

Town of Mason, New Hampshire
Mason School District
2015 Deliberative Session
February 07, 2015

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 07, 2015.

At 0855h the Moderator Catherine Schwenk asked School Board Members to take their seats at the head table. All voters and nonvoters were asked to wear appropriate credentials and to be seated after signing in with the Supervisors of the Checklist at the back table. Nonvoters were asked to seat to the Moderators left in the front row.

There were 17 voters and three 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 Robert Doyle

Vice Chairman Jeannine Phalon

Member Dr. Christopher Guiry - Absent

Member Robert Hemmer - Absent

Member Timothy Leak

Secretary/District Clerk Becky Partridge

Superintendent of Schools/Principal James McCormick

Director of Student Services Kristen Kivela

Business Manager Michael O'Neil

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 0900h.

Opening Exercises

The Moderator is honored to present at school meetings Mason students whom excel in academics, the arts, and/or athletics by asking them to take part in the opening exercises. This year Tenth Grade student Erin Maguire and Eleventh Grade student Tim Tamulonis will lead The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Both students excel in academics and bring their communication skills to their fellow students and to the Mason School Board as Student Representatives.

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 Robert Doyle, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** that the following individuals be permitted to speak, as needed on school district affairs: Superintendent*

James McCormick, Director of Student Services Kristen Kivela, and Business Manager Michael O'Neil.

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 10, 2015 from 11 A.M. To 7 P.M..

On Motion of Chairman Robert Doyle, 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:

Mr. Millbrandt - Are they available and how can we approve them if they are not available?

Mr. McCormick - They are available in the Annual School District Report

On Motion of Superintendent James McCormick, 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 Two Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$2,950,683.00). Should this Article be defeated, the default Budget shall be Three Million Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$3,025,997.00) 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:

Mr. McCormick stated that packets are available at the back table and contained within the packet is the proposed budget and articles. Within the budget the differences in line items of the previous year are explained in the last column. Of note, some differences include 2% salary increase, increase in Milford tuition per contract, increase in number of students, and increase in medical insurance to name a few. Moderator Schwenk inquired if the attendees would like to review the budget by page. With no objection Moderator Schwenk went page by page.

On Motion of Vice Chairman Jeannine Phalon, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 4

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$59,165.00) to implement an all-day Kindergarten option?

Discussion:

None

On Motion of Member Timothy Leak, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 5

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Mason School District on 9-March 2010, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (3/5 majority vote required) This is a petitioned warrant article.

Discussion:

Mr. Millbrandt - If this is a petitioned warrant article why are we discussing it?

Moderator Schwenk - It is automatically placed on the official ballot but it has always been discussed here at the Deliberative Session.

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 George Schwenk.

Adjourned Sine Dai at 0925h.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Partridge".

District Clerk
Becky Partridge