

Mason School District
Special Hearing to Rescind SB2
Regular Scheduled Meeting
February 10, 2014

A special hearing on the citizen petition warrant article to rescind SB2 and a regular scheduled meeting of the Mason NH School District were held on Monday February 10, 2014 in the Mason Elementary School Multi - Purpose Room, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

Recognition of Public

Refer to sign in sheet 02-10-14

Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager called the special hearing to order at 1900h.

Roll Call:

School Board Members: Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager, Vice Chairperson Jeannine Phalon, and Bob Hemmer. Absent Chris Guiry and Rob Doyle

Superintendent Jim McCormick:

Elected Officers: Secretary Becky Partridge and Moderator Catherine Schwenk

Business Office: Accounts Payable Brenda Wiley

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Public Discussion on Rescinding SB2:

Garth Fletcher: Due to SB2, participation is lacking, few voters at Deliberative Session. At a town meeting style format voters can become informed on issues thus an informative voter.

Mary Wolfe: SB2 is best of both worlds. Can attend Deliberative Session to have your voice heard and become informed and then go to polls and vote in private.

Patricia Cross: With SB2 few people decide what the town as a whole votes on. Few people attend Deliberative Session which is where decisions are made of what goes on the budget.

Allen Wolfe: Problem with town meeting format is that anyone can "move the question" at anytime and that stops the conversation / debate regarding an item.

Gary Elsworth: Town meeting format limits those who travel for work or live elsewhere in the winter from voting. They pay taxes through the year to only end without being able to vote. With SB2 those that are not available for town meeting style format can still vote by absentee ballot.

Motion by Jeannine Phalon to exit public hearing and enter regular schedule meeting at 1930h, seconded by Bob Hemmer

aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion Carried: 3-0

Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager called the meeting to order at 1930h.

Roll Call:

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Superintendent Jim McCormick:

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Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Jeannine Phalon to accept minutes dated January 27, 2014 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Bob Hemmer

aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion Carried: 3-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meeting:

- Monday March 17, 2014: 1900h Mes Multi – Purpose Room – Regular Scheduled Meeting to follow

Public Communications:

Patricia Cross: Who ran for open positions?

Two School Board Member positions open – Robert Doyle

District Moderator – Catherine Schwenk

District Treasurer – Susan Schulman

Milford Student's Report:

None

Business Report:

- Brenda Wiley submitted current manifest and payroll. It is noted that board members signed manifest and payroll

Superintendent's Report:

- Pre-school, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 registration: Thursday March 20, 2014 4-5 pm
- Thank you to Neil Stone Karate fundraiser – Raised \$1,000 for the Mason School Club – Will be teaming up with Mike Parent to run a Bully Prevention Program
- Magazine Drive begins March 3rd.
- Superintendent provided Board with a copy of self-evaluation and report of his goals and district goals.
- February School Calendar provided
- January enrollment report provided
- Food service claims for January provided
- Community reading day – March 7th

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Information regarding Criminal Background Checks for Recreation Camps, Youth Skill Camps – will be provided - will be forwarded to Policy Sub – Committee
- Ballot Review:

Motion by Bob Hemmer to accept the ballots with corrections on Article 3, seconded by Jeannine Phalon

aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer

nay: none

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Motion Carried: 3-0

Committee Reports:

None

Policies:

- EEAA – policy sub-committee recommends first reading with changes as provided by school counsel

*Motion by **Bob Hemmer** to accept policy sub-committee recommendation to accept first reading on policy EEAA, seconded by **Jeannine Phalon***

aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion Carried: 3-0

- EEAEA – policy sub-committee recommends first reading with changes as provided by school counsel

*Motion by **Bob Hemmer** to accept policy sub-committee recommendation to accept first reading on policy EEAEA, seconded by **Jeannine Phalon***

aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion Carried: 3-0

School Board Requests:

- Work Session for discussion, agreement, and format of Superintendent Evaluation: February 18, 2014
- March 17th board meeting to present Superintendent Evaluation

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to enter into Executive session at 1945h for RSA 91-A:3 II (a) dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee, seconded by **Bob Hemmer***

aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion Carried: 3-0

Roll Call:

School Board Members: Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager, Vice Chairperson Jeannine Phalon, and Bob Hemmer. Absent: Chris Guiry and Robert Doyle

Superintendent Jim McCormick:

Elected Officers: Secretary Becky Partridge

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to exit Executive session at 1955h and enter back into public session, seconded by **Bob Hemmer***

aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion Carried: 3-0

*Motion by **Jeannine Phalon** to approve executive session minutes dated January 27, 2014 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by **Bob Hemmer***

aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer

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nay: none

Motion Carried: 3-0

Motion by Jeannine Phalon to seal Executive Session minutes of February 10, 2014 for 2 years due to adversely affect the reputation of any person, seconded by Bob Hemmer

aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion Carried: 3-0

Jeannine Phalon moved to adjourn the meeting at 2000hh, seconded by Bob Hemmer

The meeting adjourned unanimously at 2000h.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Partridge
Becky Partridge

School Board Secretary