

Mason School District
Organizational Meeting and
Regular Scheduled Meeting
March 17, 2025

Superintendent Kristen Kivela called the Organizational Meeting to order at 1833h.

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

Roll Call:

Board Members: Nate Choquette, Mike Judge, Tim Leak, and Colin Robinson.

Superintendent / Principal: Kristen Kivela.

Accounts Payable: Brenda Wiley.

Secretary: Becky Partridge.

Newly Elected School Board Member: Courtney Landry.

Official Ballot Results: Total 319

(2) School Board Member Positions (Three Year Term) Robert Bukofser - 94, Courney Landry - 205, and Colin Robinson - 127. **Courtney Landry and Colin Robinson declared winners.**

School District Treasurer (Three Year Term) Christine Irlbacher - 247. **Christine Irlbacher declared winner.**

Article 2 – Reports – **yes 284** no 19

Article 3 – Budget – **yes 193** no 115

Article 4 – Fund name change – **yes 241** no 66

Article 5 – Tuition Fund – **yes 206** no 87

Article 6 – SPED Fund - **yes 219** no 73

Article 7 - Building and Grounds **yes 225** no 69

Installation of School Board Members:

Oath of Office administered by School District Clerk Becky Partridge: Board Members Courtney Landry and Colin Robinson.

Nomination for Chairperson:

Mike Judge nominated **Colin Robinson** for Chairperson, seconded by Nate Choquette. **Unanimous**

Colin Robinson as Chairperson

Nate Choquette nominated Tim Leak for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mike Judge. **Unanimous**

Tim Leak as Vice Chairperson

*Motion by **Nate Choquette** to adjourn Organizational Meeting and enter into Regular Scheduled Meeting at 1840h, seconded by **Mike Judge**.*

***Aye:** Choquette, Judge, Landry, Leak, Robinson*

***Nay:** None*

Motion Carried 5-0

Roll Call:

Chairperson: Colin Robinson.

Vice Chairperson: Tim Leak.

Board Members: Nate Choquette, Mike Judge and Courtney Landry.

Superintendent / Principal: Kristen Kivela.

Accounts Payable: Brenda Wiley.

Secretary Becky Partridge.

Approval of Minutes:

*Motion by **Nate Choquette** to approve the minutes of December 16, 2024 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by **Mike Judge**.*

***Aye:** Choquette, Leak, Judge, Robinson*

***Nay:** None*

***Abstain:** Landry*

Motion Carried 4-0, 1- Abstain

*Motion by **Mike Judge** to approve the minutes of January 6, 2025 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by **Colin Robinson**.*

***Aye:** Guiry(electronic), Judge, Robinson*

***Nay:** None*

***Abstain:** Choquette, Landry, Leak*

Motion Carried 3-0, 3- Abstain

*Motion by **Nate Choquette** to approve the minutes of the Deliberative Session February 01, 2025 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by **Mike Judge**.*

***Aye:** Choquette, Judge, Leak, Robinson*

***Nay:** None*

***Abstain:** Landry*

Motion Carried 4-0, 1- Abstain

Next Meeting:

April 21, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting at 1830h at Mason Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Business Manager's Report:

- It is noted that the current manifest and payroll was approved and signed by board members.
- Board members, Administration, and Clerk signed MS22.
- Voting changes - DemocracyLive - new unfunded mandate requiring a special tablet and printer that allows voters that need / want to vote on the tablet. The system then prints out the ballot and it is placed in the ballot box. A third party is required to program the system and charges \$600.00 each voting cycle. School board members discussed at length the number of unfunded mandates that are required from the state or federal government and the effect it has on the taxpayers of Mason. Board authorized Mike Judge to study and compile a list of all the unfunded mandates and will discuss next steps to address the issue.
- NRPC & Internet Agreement - service goes out to bid for lowest rate.

Milford Student Representative: None

Public Communications: None

Correspondence: None

Curriculum Updates: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Kristen Kivela

- Admission of Non-resident student

*Motion by **Tim Leak** to allow a non-resident student to attend Mason Elementary without being charged a tuition fee for the discussed reasons, seconded by **Nate Choquette**.*

Discussion: Family owns property in town and is renovating the residence however at the start of the school year the student will not be living in Mason. Board discussed that the family pays property taxes and therefore it is fair and reasonable that the student be able to attend Mason Elementary without being charged a tuition fee.

***Aye:** Choquette, Judge, Landry, Leak, Robinson*

Approved April 21, 2025

Nay: None

Motion Carried 5-0

- Set meal price for 2025 / 2026 SY - \$3.05 (lunch), \$2.00 (breakfast), \$0.50 (milk)

*Motion by **Mike Judge** to set the meal prices as stated, seconded by **Nate Choquette**.*

Aye: Choquette, Judge, Landry, Leak, Robinson

Nay: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Superintendent / Principal's Report: Kristen Kivela

- Food service claim for January: Breakfast \$382.26 Lunch \$1516.25.
- Food service claim for February: Breakfast \$210.21 Lunch \$932.75.
- Sock Hop: great dance turnout - 135 people - \$486.00 to go towards an established scholarship.
- After School Clubs: (1) Spark - sports 29 kids, (2) Garden Club - 30 kids
- Important Dates: 10th - Mariposa Museum, 11th - Mason Mania, 18th - Sea Science Museum, 24th Family Night, May 22nd - Milford Step up Day.
- Statewide Electrical Solutions: Donated outside lights and retrofitted for LED, will be upgrading EXIT signs up to standard.

Committee Reports: none

Non-public - None

Nate Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1920h, seconded by **Mike Judge**.

The meeting adjourned unanimously at 1920h.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca L. Partridge

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School Board Secretary