

Mason School District

Regular Scheduled Meeting

October 16, 2023

Chairman Dr. Chris Guiry called the Meeting to order at 1830h.

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

Roll Call:

Chairman: Dr. Chris Guiry

Vice Chairman: Colin Robinson

Board Members: Nate Choquette, Jason Iannuzzo and Tim Leak

Superintendent / Principal: Kristen Kivela

Accounts Payable: Brenda Wiley

Secretary / Clerk: Becky Partridge

Student Representative: Logan Woods

Approval of Minutes:

*Motion by **Tim Leak** to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by **Colin Robinson**.*

Aye: Guiry, Iannuzzo, Leak, Robinson

Nay: None

Abstain: Choquette

Motion Carried 4-0

Next Meeting:

November 20, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting at 1830h at Mason Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

Business Manager's Report: Brenda Wiley

- Current manifest and payroll approved and signed by board members.
- Tax Rate: Tax rate set, significant increase. Largest portion of school taxes that increased was the county portion at 33%. The money the school returned to the town was used to lower the tax rate. Tax rate is \$23.72 / \$1000.

Milford Student Representative: Logan Woods

- Spirit Week.
- Homecoming dance this weekend.
- Student counsel beginning to make plans for future dances such as prom.

Public Communications: None

Correspondence: None

Curriculum Updates: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Kristen Kivela

- Accept \$2,000.00 donation from the estate of Robert E. Dentino to be used towards students. Mrs. Kivela would like to use \$1000.00 to seed fund a scholarship for Mason graduates and \$1000.00 for a Gaga Pit on the elementary playground.

Motion by Nate Choquette to accept the \$2,000.00 donation from the estate of Robert E. Dentino, seconded by Jason Iannuzzo.

Aye: Choquette, Guiry, Iannuzzo, Leak, Robinson

Nay: None

Motion Carried 5-0

- EFA Phase Out (Education Freedom Account) \$2,050.00 to go into the general fund.

Motion by Colin Robinson to accept the amount of \$2,050.00 from the EFA to go into the general fund, seconded by Tim Leak.

Aye: Choquette, Guiry, Iannuzzo, Leak, Robinson

Nay: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Superintendent / Principal's Report: Kristen Kivela

- Important dates – 31st Fall Festival and Halloween activities, 9th spaghetti with Santa, 11th Rec Dept. using the building for veteran activity, 18th town craft fair.
- Fire Prevention Week – visit from Mason Fire & EMS Department.
- After School Program – Healthy Kids Program – could also have a morning session if there is a need. Healthy Kids Program runs and manages programs, schools just need to provide safe space.

Motion by Nate Choquette to authorize Mrs. Kivela to send out a survey to parents regarding Healthy Kids Program, seconded by Jason Iannuzzo.

Aye: Choquette, Guiry, Iannuzzo, Leak, Robinson

Nay: None

Motion Carried 5-0

- Preschool – Have enough kids to hold two sessions, have a large waitlist this year. Each session increases the budget by approximately \$21,000.00. Nate Choquette would like to reevaluate the rate to mitigate that cost.

Committee Reports: None

Non-public:

*Motion by **Colin Robinson** to enter into nonpublic for RSA 91 – A:3 II. (b) hiring of any person as a public employee at 1916h, seconded by **Tim Leak***

***Aye:** Choquette, Guiry, Iannuzzo, Leak, Robinson*

***Nay:** None*

Motion Carried 5-0

Roll Call:

Chairman: Dr. Chris Guiry

Vice Chairman: Colin Robinson

Board Members: Nate Choquette, Jason Iannuzzo and Tim Leak

Superintendent / Principal: Kristen Kivela

Secretary / Clerk: Becky Partridge

Discussion:

- Accept resignation
- New hire

*Motion by **Colin Robinson** to re - enter public at 1916h, seconded by **Tim Leak**.*

***Aye:** Choquette, Guiry, Iannuzzo, Leak, Robinson*

***Nay:** None*

Motion Carried 5-0

*Motion by **Jason Iannuzzo** to accept the resignation of Vicky Jewell and the nomination of Sarah Phillips, seconded by **Tim Leak**.*

***Aye:** Choquette, Guiry, Iannuzzo, Leak, Robinson*

***Nay:** None*

Motion Carried 5-0

Tim Leak moved to adjourn the meeting at 1918h, seconded by **Nate Robinson**. The meeting adjourned unanimously at 1918h.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca L. Partridge

School Board Secretary