

Mason School District  
Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Meeting  
October 21, 2013

A public hearing and a regular scheduled meeting of the Mason NH School District were held on Monday October 21, 2013 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 10-21-13

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

**Roll Call:**

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

Superintendent James McCormick

Principal: Kathryn Wyman

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

**Grant Approval:**

- Mr. McCormick informed the board that a REAP Grant in the amount of \$12,620.00 is unanticipated revenue for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. This grant is for rural communities and can be used for any purpose.

*Motion by **Chris Guiry** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the REAP Grant in the amount of \$12,620.00, seconded by **Bob Hemmer***

*aye: Phalon, Hemmer, Syre-Hager, Guiry*

*nay: none*

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

- Mr. McCormick informed that the Title 1A Grant in the amount of \$8,096.95 is unanticipated revenue for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. This grant is given to school districts based on free and reduced lunch participation. In previous years Mason's Middle and High School students were not taken into account, however upon petition it was reestablished this year. This grant will be used to offset materials and partial salary.

*Motion by **Chris Guiry** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Title 1A Grant in the amount of \$8,096.95, seconded by **Bob Hemmer***

*aye: Phalon, Hemmer, Syre-Hager, Guiry*

*nay: none*

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

*Motion by **Bob Hemmer** to adjourn the public hearing portion of the meeting at 1905h and enter into the regular scheduled meeting, seconded by **Jeannine Phalon***

*aye: Phalon, Hemmer, Syre-Hager, Guiry*

*nay: none*

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

**Roll Call:**

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

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Superintendent James McCormick

Staff: 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher Karen Mann and Kindergarten teacher Sue Rysnik

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**Approval of Minutes:**

*Motion by Jeannine Phalon to accept minutes dated September 23, 2013 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Bob Hemmer*

*aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Guiry, Hemmer*

*nay: none*

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

**Announcements of Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- Monday November 18, 2013: 1900h MES Multi -Purpose Room – Regular scheduled meeting

**Public Communications:**

None

**Business Report:**

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

**Milford Student's Report:**

- Mr. McCormick introduced the new Milford student representatives Emily Hutchins and Emily Aster. Between Emily Hutchins and Emily Aster the students are involved in numerous aspect of school life including both social and academic activities. Emily Hutchins informed the board that homecoming is this coming weekend, celebrations beginning Friday.

With a consensus from the board it was decided that the Common Core presentation under New Business will be moved up in the agenda and the Superintendent's Report will take place after.

**Common Core Presentation and Science NECAP Result Overview:**

- Kathryn Wyman introduced 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher Karen Mann and Kindergarten teacher Sue Rysnik. These two teachers have led, with the help of other staff members, the steps and research necessary to implement the Common Core. Both teachers gave a brief summary of what they have been doing the past two years to prepare Mason to fully implement the Common Core.
- Kathryn Wyman stated that Mason did exceptionally well on the Science NECAP with results better than the state average.

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Commissioner's Public School approval designation reports – good till 2015
- Letter to parents regarding Lowell Field Trip cancellation and rescheduling for November 8
- Scholastic Book Fair a huge success

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- September Monthly enrollment report – three new students, Chris Guiry requested the board be provided with the Middle / HS student enrollment
- September Curriculum Meeting agenda
- Paper Retriever Score Card 2013 – doing well
- Fire Prevention Week – thank you Rick Griffith for organizing
- Superintendent and Principal roles provided
- Teacher web sites going up in November
- Changes to Wellness Procedure – removal of “only commercial foods allowed”
- NEAP testing to begin again in 2015 with new format
- Senior breakfast – 15 people – Mr. McCormick donated this month, Jeannine Phalon requested that the board be provided with senior breakfast revenue
- Common Core query at lengthening Kindergarten school day
- Superintendent recommends approval of the SB2 time line

*Motion by Chris Guiry to accept the SB2 time line provided at last meeting, seconded by Bob Hemmer*

*aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Guiry, Hemmer*  
*nay: none*

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

- Teacher workshop agenda provided
- Police used school and grounds Friday and weekend for training

**Unfinished Business:**

- Chris Guiry informed the board that he met with Selectmen and they were positive about a joint town / school report. He also stated that the Selectmen were interested in teacher workshops being held on voting days so the building could be used for voting. Mr. McCormick stated that he would need dates of voting so it could be incorporated into the school calendar.

**New Business:**

- Superintendent recommends accepting a check for \$22.99 from AbiBow Recycling LLC for the paper retriever

*Motion by Jeannine Phalon to accept a check for \$22.99 from AbiBow Recycling LLC for the paper retriever, seconded by Bob Hemmer*

*aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Guiry, Hemmer*  
*nay: none*

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

- MS25 report provided to the board for review – Brenda Wiley requested that members sign said document by weeks end

**Committee Reports:**

None

**Policies:**

- Next meeting the school board will be asked to have a first reading on the policies that went to school counsel for review

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**School Board Requests:**

None

*Motion by Jeannine Phalon to enter into executive session at 1955h per RSA 91-A:3 II to review / discuss and approve sealed minutes dated September 23, 2013, seconded by Bob Hemmer*

*aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Guiry, Hemmer*

*nay: none*

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

**Roll Call:** Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager, Vice Chairperson Jeannine Phalon, Chris Guiry, Bob Hemmer, Secretary Becky Partridge, and Superintendent Jim McCormick

**Discussion:**

- Review / discuss and approve sealed executive session minutes dated September 23, 2013

*Motion by Jeannine Phalon to enter back into public session at 2000h, seconded by Bob Hemmer*

*aye: Phalon, Syre-Hager, Hemmer, Guiry*

*nay: none*

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

*Motion by Jeannine Phalon to approve sealed executive session minutes dated September 23, 2013 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Bob Hemmer*

*aye: Phalon, Hemmer, Syre-Hager, Guiry*

*nay: none*

**Motion Carried: 4-0**

*Jeannine Phalon moved to adjourn the meeting at 2000h, seconded by Chris Guiry*  
The meeting adjourned unanimously at 2000h.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Becky Partridge

*Rebecca Partridge*  
School Board Secretary

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