

Mason School District
Regular Scheduled Meeting
December 15, 2025

Chairperson Colin Robinson called the meeting to order at 1835h.

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

Roll Call:

Chairperson: Colin Robinson.

Vice Chairperson Tim Leak.

Board Members: Mike Judge.and Courtney Landry (arrived 1835h).

Absent: Nate Choquette.

Superintendent / Principal: Kristen Kivela.

Accounts Payable: Brenda Wiley.

Secretary/Clerk: Becky Partridge.

Milford Student Representative: Braeden Sullivan - Absent

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of November 17, 2025, tabled for next meeting.

Next Meeting:

January 12, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting and Public Budget Hearing at 1830h at Mason Elementary School Multi-purpose Room.

Business Manager's Report:

It is noted that the current manifest and payroll were approved and signed by board members.

Milford Student Representative: Braeden Sullivan - Absent

Public Communications: None

Correspondence: None

Curriculum Updates: None

Unfinished Business:

- Bus bid - Two companies responded: Butler and STA. Butler won the bid at \$425 bus per day with 3% annual increase vs STA at \$470 bus per day with 5.25 % annual increase.

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*Motion by **Mike Judge** to accept and sign three year contract with Butler Bus Company, seconded by **Tim Leak**.*

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

***Nay:** None*

Motion Carried 4-0

- Letter to Senator Avarad in regards to the new legislation Open Enrollment - on hold
- Update to old freezer - Mason resident came and picked up old freezer.

Non - Public

Superintendent requests non-public session RSA 91-A:3 II (c) adversely affecting the reputation of any person.

*Motion by **Mike Judge** to enter into non public at 1915h for RSA 91 – A:3 II. (c) adversely affecting the reputation of any person, seconded by **Tim Leak**.*

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

***Nay:** None*

Motion Carried 4-0

Roll Call

Chairperson: Colin Robinson.

Vice Chairperson Tim Leak

Board Members: Mike Judge and Courtney Landry.

Absent: School Board Member Nate Choquette.

Superintendent / Principal: Kristen Kivela.

Secretary: Becky Partridge.

Discussion:

- Budget

After lengthy discussion the Board agreed with the Superintendent that the budget increase was too significant. It was agreed to remove one para professional, use \$80,000.00 from the unanticipated tuition capital reserve fund and remove the SPED Director / Psychologist position and reassign those duties.

*Motion by **Courtney Landry** to leave non-public session and go back into public at 1936h, seconded by **Mike Judge**.*

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

***Nay:** None*

Motion Carried 4-0

Continuation of New Business:

- Draft 2026 / 2027 draft proposed budget - handout
- Draft 2026 / 2027 proposed warranty articles - handout

*Motion by **Tim Leak** to discuss the proposed warrant articles, seconded by **Mike Judge**.*

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

***Nay:** None*

Motion Carried 4-0

Article 1 - Two school board members, District Clerk, and District Moderator

Article 4 - \$45,000.00 Educating the Educationally Disabled Children Capital REserve Fund

Article 5 - \$25,000.00 School Building and Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

Article 6 - \$50,000.00 Tuition Capital Reserve Fund

Article 7 - Designate Mason Elementary School as Open Enrollment with guidelines

Article 8 - Authorize middle and high school students to attend open enrollment districts

Attorneys strongly recommend Article 7 and 8 in order for the district and residents of Mason to have any say over how the district must manage the new legislation regarding Open Enrollment.

Superintendent / Principal's Report: Kristen Kivela

- Sound the Alarm Fundraiser for MVFD - fire fighters came to the school and spent time with the children. Numerous supplies were collected.
- Important Dates: Dec.23 -4 - winter break Jan. 12 budget hearing, Feb. 7 deliberative session.
- NHSBA - Open Enrollment Webinar for School Board Members.

Committee Reports - None

Mike Judge moved to adjourn the meeting at 1956h, seconded by **Courtney Landry**.

The meeting adjourned unanimously at 1956h.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca L. Partridge

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School Board Secretary

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