

Town of Mason, New Hampshire  
Mason School District  
2016 Deliberative Session  
February 05, 2016

The First Session, The Deliberative Session, of the Mason School District was held in the Mason Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 13 Darling Hill Road, Mason New Hampshire on February 05, 2016.

At 0900h Moderator Catherine Schwenk asked School Board Members to take their seats at the head table. All voters and nonvoters are requested to wear appropriate credentials and be seated after signing in with the Supervisors of the Checklist at the back table. Nonvoters are to be seated to the Moderators right in the front row.

There were 15 voters and four nonvoters present.

Moderator Schwenk recognized the coordinated efforts of individuals to prepare for this meeting including School District Personnel, Supervisors of the Checklist, Physical Plant Staff, Police, and Emergency Personnel.

Moderator Schwenk reviewed safety procedure calling attention to the emergency exits.

There were no requests for Interpretative Services.

**Roll Call and Introductions:**

Chairman Robert Doyle

Vice Chairman Dr. Christopher Guiry

Member Timothy Leak

Member Robert Hemmer – Absent

Member Jennifer Schongar

Secretary / District Clerk Becky Partridge

Superintendent of Schools James McCormick

Principal / Director of Student Services Kristen Kivela

Business Manager Michael O’Neil

Accounts Payable Brenda Wiley

**Procedure**

All questions will be directed to the Moderator. Once recognized state your name. All amendments and substantive motions are to be in writing and signed by the maker and seconder. For a ballot vote five voters may make a written requests prior to a voice or division voter per RSA40:4a, signatures are required. Voters must be present at the meeting to request a ballot vote.

**Call To Order**

**Moderator Schwenk:** By the powers vested in me by the State of New Hampshire, I now call to order the First Session, The Deliberative Session of the Mason School District Annual Meeting at 0900h.

## Opening Exercises

The Moderator asked for the school board members and public to join her in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Moderator Schwenk:

*In appreciation of the Service of James McCormick*

*“The Mason School District was established in 2009. In 2011, The Mason School Board hired retired Superintendent of Schools James McCormick as our Superintendent of Schools. Together, the school board and the Superintendent organized the Mason School District. He zero based the school budget and even brought it under the default budget. Thousands of dollars were annually returned to the town. He retires on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please join me in expressing our thanks and appreciation for his service to the school and the Town of Mason, New Hampshire.”*

## Announcement

Open Your Hearts on Valentine Day Food Drive: Drop off at the school is Friday February 12.

The first order of business is reading of the warrant. There was no objection to waive the reading of the warrant.

*On Motion of Chairman Robert Doyle, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** that the following individuals be permitted to speak, as needed on school district affairs: Superintendent James McCormick, Director of Student Services Kristen Kivela, and Business Manager Michael O’Neil.*

Moderator Schwenk informed the public that Article 1 is the election of school district officers which will be held at the Mason Town Hall on March 08, 2016 from 11 A.M. To 7 P.M..

*On Motion of Chairman Robert Doyle, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 1*

*To choose the following School District Officers: School Board Member (2 years), School Board Member (3 years), School Board Member (3 years), School District Treasurer (2 years)*

*On Motion of Vice Chairman Dr. Chris Guiry, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 2*

*To accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen as printed in the Annual Mason School District Report.*

*On Motion of School Board Member Tim Leak duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 3*

Shall the Mason School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Three Million One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two

Dollars (\$3,117,682.00). Should this Article be defeated, the default Budget shall be Three Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Thirty Dollars (\$3,118,030.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Mason School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13,X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only? **NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.** The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority Vote Required)

**Discussion:**

School Board Member Tim Leak informed the public that the board worked hard and looked at each line item to deliver the best feasible budget to the voters while maintaining the highest standard of education for the children of Mason. Dr. Chris Guiry stressed that the majority of the increase is due to the eleven more students being sent to Milford than last year.

*On Motion of the Moderator Catherine Schwenk, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to allow Moderator Schwenk to make a motion on behalf of Line Item 2315 320 Moderator Stipend.*

Due to the improper subsequent motion discussing Line Item 2315 320 and the calling of Point of Order by Vice Chairman Dr. Chris Guiry for no second on the motion, the previous motion to place the budget (Article 3) on the official ballot stands as is - Three Million One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two Dollars (\$3,117,682.00).

*On Motion of Chairman Robert Doyle, duly seconded, it was **VOTED** to place on the official ballot Article 4*

Shall the Mason School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Educating Educationally Disabled Children Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2016, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on June 30? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

**Discussion:**

None

There being no further business to come before the First Session, The Deliberative Session of the Mason School District a motion is in order to adjourn Sine Dai. Motion by Dr. Chris Guiry, duly seconded and **Voted**.

Adjourned Sine Dai at 0922h.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rebecca Partridge*

School District Clerk  
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