

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MASON NH SCHOOL DISTRICT
JANUARY 09, 2012**

A regular scheduled meeting of the Mason NH School District was held after the public budget hearing on Monday January 09, 2012 at approximately 2030h 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 "Public Hearing, 1/09/12"

Roll Call:

Superintendent Jim McCormick, School Board Members: Chairperson Bob Hemmer, Vice Chairperson Dr. Donald Hodges, Robert Doyle, Stephanie Syre-Hager, John Diefenbach, Secretary Becky Partridge, and Business Manager Brenda Wiley, District Treasurer Sue Wagoner were present. Absent: Moderator Catherine Schwenk

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Robert Doyle to approve minutes dated 12/12/2011 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by John Diefenbach

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Diefenbach, Hemmer, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings

Monday January 23, 2011: 1900h, MES Multi-Purpose Room

Public Communications:

Patricia Cross stated that she was one of the parents that actively tried to change pre-school hours from the afternoon to the morning. Now that she believes that changing the pre-school hours to morning may result in what she feels is a less qualified part time teacher she would like the board to know that she withdraws that request. Mrs. Williams stated that she was also one of those parents but that if it means losing a well qualified full time teacher she would not like the hours changed either. The school board thanked them for their input.

Business Manager:

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

Superintendent's Report- Mr. McCormick:

- Superintendent recommends that the School Board NOT propose any Warrant Articles for the 2012 – 2013 School Year. The board agreed with Mr. McCormick's recommendation
- Review of School Wellness Policy – new guidelines provided by the state
- Doing well on the Paper Retriever, \$15 to date
- Mason Elementary School won Recycled Flower Art Piece
- Connect Ed is working
- Focused Monitoring Group meets about three times month
- Mr. McCormick informed the board that he sent a letter to the Commissioner concerning the audit
- Mr. McCormick informed the board about new state law pertaining to hours required.
- Superintendent requested that the School Board Chair provide the District with an annual report for the Town's Annual Report.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Superintendent recommends the School Board accept a donation from the Modern Woodman Fraternal Financial Advisor Chris Bergeron for the following items: Ecology Awareness Program, Financial Literacy Program, Patriotic Civics Program, Safety & Life Skills Program, Exercise & Nutrition Program, and Local School Speech Contest. It is noted that teachers have reviewed and selected these programs.

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*Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the donations as stated above, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager
aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Diefenbach, Hemmer, Hodges
nay: none
Motion carried 5-0*

- Superintendent requests accepting 16 new classroom dictionaries fro Grade 3 from The Watatic Grange #36

*Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the above donation from The Watatic Grange #36, seconded by John Diefenbach
aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Diefenbach, Hemmer, Hodges
nay: none
Motion carried 5-0*

Policies:

- Mr. McCormick and Dr. Donald Hodges will meet to review the MES Wellness Policy

Committee Reports:

None

School Board Requests:

- Board Member request to discuss Web Page

*Motion by Dr. Donald Hodges to enter into Non-Public Session at 2150h under RSA 91-A: 3 II. (a) dismissal, promotion or compensation of any pubic employee, (c) adversely affecting the reputation of any person, and (e) negotiation of pending claims and litigation, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager.
aye: Hemmer, Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hodges, Diefenbach
nay: none
Motion carried 5-0*

Superintendent Jim McCormick, School Board Members: Chairperson Bob Hemmer, Robert Doyle, Stephanie Hager, Dr. Donald Hodges, John Diefenbach, and Secretary Becky Partridge were present.

Discussion:

- (a) dismissal, promotion or compensation of employee
- (c) adversely affecting the reputation of any person
- (e) pending claims or litigation

*Motion by Robert Doyle to enter back into Public Session at 2235h, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager.
aye: Hemmer, Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hodges, Diefenbach
nay: none
Motion carried 5-0*

*Motion by Dr. Donald Hodges to seal non – public session minutes 1/09/12 due to ongoing contract negotiations and adversely affecting the reputation of any person, seconded by Robert Doyle
aye: Hemmer, Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hodges, Diefenbach
nay: none
Motion carried 5-0*

*Motion by Robert Doyle to reduce Line Item 2300-321 Business Manager Services by \$12,000 thus line item being \$45,000 and total proposed budget \$2,981,373.00, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager.
aye: Hemmer, Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hodges, Diefenbach
nay: none
Motion carried 5-0*

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Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the Superintendent recommendation of the 2012-2013 School Budget at \$2,981,373.00, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager.

aye: Hemmer, Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hodges, Diefenbach
nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

It is noted that Board Members signed Warrant, Budget and Default budget documentation provided by Mr. O'Neill

Robert Doyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 2245 h, seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary

**PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET MEETING
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JANUARY 09, 2012**

A public hearing budget meeting of the Mason NH School District was held after the public budget hearing on Monday January 09, 2012 at approximately 1900h 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 "Public Hearing, 1/09/12"

Roll Call:

Superintendent Jim McCormick, School Board Members: Chairperson Bob Hemmer, Hodges, Robert Doyle, Stephanie Syre-Hager, John Diefenbach, Secretary Becky Partridge, Moderator Catherine Schwenk and Business Manager Brenda Wiley, District Treasurer Sue Wagoner and Mike O'Neill of MRI were present. Absent: Vice Chairperson Dr. Donald

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

Chairperson Bob Hemmer turned the meeting over to Superintendent McCormick and Business Manager Mike O'Neill of MRI.

Mr. Moser inquired if there was nay real power that the public has tonight. Mr. McCormick responded that this is an opportunity for the voters of Mason to give their input to the school board regarding the budget.

DISCUSSION:

- PowerPoint Presentation (Attachment #1)
Changes discussed: Moving Pre-school to morning – public concerned about losing a qualified full time teacher since Pre-school and Kindergarten would be held at the same time
Discontinuing Foreign Language – public suggested looking at Rosetta Stone as a supplement
One day Speech / Language
Public concerned that we are losing our unique "public school education"
- Proposed 2012 / 2013 budget (Attachment #2)
- 2012 / 2013 Default budget (Attachment #3)

Robert Doyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 2115h and move into the regular school board meeting, seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary