

Mason School District
Organizational Meeting and
Regular School Board Meeting
March 26, 2012

An organizational meeting and a regular scheduled meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday March 26, 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 dated 3/26/12

Moderator Catherine Schwenk declared the organizational meeting open.

Roll Call:

Superintendent Jim McCormick, School Board Members: Bob Hemmer, Robert Doyle, Stephanie Syre-Hager, Secretary Becky Partridge, Moderator Catherine Schwenk, Business Manager Brenda Wiley, and Mike O'Neill of MRI were present. To be installed board member: Jeannine Phalon. Absent: John Diefenbach

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

Moderator Schwenk installed newly elected board member Jeannine Phalon.

Approval of Minutes:

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to approve minutes dated 3/12/2012 as submitted by Becky Partridge, Seconded by **Stephanie Syre-Hager,***

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hemmer

nay: none

Abstain: Phalon

Motion carried 3-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings:

Monday April 09, 2012: 1900h MES Multi-Purpose Room

Nomination and Elections of School Board Chair and Vice Chair:

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to nominate Bob Hemmer as School Board Chairperson, Seconded by **Jeannine Phalon,***

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Phalon

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Bob Hemmer Chairperson.

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to nominate Stephanie Syre-Hager as School Board Vice – Chairperson, Seconded by **Jeannine Phalon,***

aye: Hemmer, Doyle, Phalon

nay: none

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Stephanie Syre-Hager Vice Chairperson

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At 1920h the board adjourned the organizational portion of the meeting and entered the regular scheduled monthly meeting.

Public Communications:

Patricia Cross asked if there were updates on preschool. Mr. McCormick stated that they had registration day and all ten spots were filled however no parent meeting has been scheduled as a teacher is not yet in place. Ms. Cross stated that she thought there would be a parent meeting where parents could ask questions and voice concerns about the direction of the school. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that there would be a monthly meeting where parents could meet with the Principal and / or Superintendent to voice concerns and have questions answered.

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to authorize the Superintendent to structure monthly meetings with interested parents to discuss concerns and have questions answered beginning in May, Seconded by **Jeannine Phalon,***

aye: Hemmer, Doyle, Phalon, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

Barbara Devore thanked the school for sending out notices of the monthly suppers. She also voiced her displeasure with the school report and the errors it contained along with the expensive use of color print. Mr. Hemmer stated he agreed and that next year it will be different for a variety of reasons.

Business Manager:

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

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to accept the \$10.00 check relating to election recount services, Seconded by **Stephanie Syre-Hager,***

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hemmer, Phalon

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

Brenda Wiley requested the signatures of school board members and clerk to update the bank signature card.

Superintendent's Report:

- Spring Concert was a success
- Paper Retriever still going strong
- Mason School Club continues to have meetings
- Mason staff meeting on Friday will include but will not be limited to review of possible web page

Unfinished Business:

- Mr. Hemmer recognized Dr. Hodges for his years of service and dedication to the district and presented him with a certificate.
- Web Page will be discussed with staff on Friday during the scheduled workshop. Mr.

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McCormick informed the board that Peter will be at the next board meeting to discuss the web page.

New Business:

- School Board Meeting Calendar (attachment 1)

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to accept the 2012 – 2013 School Year Mason School District School Board Meeting calendar as amended to reflect the November meeting to be held on November 19, 2012, Seconded by **Stephanie Syre-Hager**,*

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hemmer, Phalon

- nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

- Superintendent recommends accepting check for \$15.70 from AbiBow Recycling for the paper retrieval.

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to accept the check for \$15.70 from AbiBow Recycling for the paper retrieval, Seconded by **Stephanie Syre-Hager**,*

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hemmer, Phalon

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

- Superintendent recommends the board approve the MS-22 form from the business department (attachment 2).

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to accept the MS-22 form as provided by the business department, Seconded by **Stephanie Syre-Hager**,*

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hemmer, Phalon

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

It is noted that all board members, Superintendent McCormick and Secretary Becky Partridge signed said document.

Policies:

- IGE – Parental Objection to Specific Course Material – Second Reading

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to accept the second reading and approval of policy IGE – Parental Objection to Specific Course Material, Seconded by **Stephanie Syre-Hager**,*

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hemmer, Phalon

nay: none

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Committee Reports:

None

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School Board Requests:

- Sharing of resources between town and school district.

Mr. Doyle stated that he would like to see a venue where school board members can bring suggestion to Mr. McCormick on different ways to share resources with the town. Mr. Hemmer stated that a sub-committee can be formed. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that a subcommittee would be formed with two school board members, one selectman, and two members from the community.

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to establish a subcommittee to investigate resources that can be shared between the town and school, Seconded by **Jeannine Phalon**,*

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hemmer, Phalon

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

Robert Doyle will act as chair to the sub-committee. Jeannine Phalon will be the second board member. Mr. Doyle will contact other possible sub-committee members.

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to enter into Executive Session at 2000h per RSA 91-A:3 II, (a) dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee, (e) pending claims or litigation, Seconded by **Stephanie Syre-Hager**,*

aye: Doyle, Phalon, Hemmer, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion Carried: 4-0

Roll Call: Present: Chairperson Bob Hemmer, Robert Doyle, Jeannine Phalon, Stephanie Syre-Hager, Secretary Becky Partridge, Superintendent Jim McCormick. Absent: John Diefenbach

Discussion:

- Discussion on Homeless Student Law
- Building Committee Update (legal)
- Auditor Update (legal)
- Superintendent's Contract
- Evaluation form of Superintendent per School Board Policy

Mr. McCormick updated the board on the requirements of the Homeless Student Law.

Extensive discussion took place regarding the Superintendent's evaluation form. The board agreed that maybe the way to do it would be a survey for the staff. The board also agreed that this evaluation form does not work for our district. Board members will look for other evaluation forms to use in the future.

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to enter back into public session at 2100h, Seconded by **Stephanie Syre-Hager**,*

aye: Doyle, Phalon, Hemmer, Syre-Hager

nay: none

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*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to accept the Executive Session minutes dated March 12, 2012 submitted by
Becky Partridge, Seconded by **Stephanie Syre-Hager**,*

aye: Doyle, Hemmer, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Abstain: Phalon

Motion Carried: 3-0

Robert Doyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 2025h, Seconded by Jeannine Phalon.

Meeting adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary*