

Mason School District
Regular School Board Meeting
May 14, 2012

A regular scheduled meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday May 14, 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 5/14/12

Vice Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Superintendent Jim McCormick

School Board Members: Vice Chairperson Stephanie Syre-Hager, Robert Doyle, Jeannine Phalon, John Diefenbach, Secretary Becky Partridge, Mike O'Neill of MRI and Business Manager Brenda Wiley were present.

Absent: Chairperson Bob Hemmer

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 4/09/2012 as submitted by Becky Partridge,

Seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Phalon

nay: none

Abstain: Diefenbach

Motion carried 3-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meeting

Monday June 4, 2012: 1900h MES Multi-Purpose Room

Public Communications:

- Mrs. Leak, the mother of the winner of the Barnes and Nobles writing contest winner, thanked Mr. McCormick for attending the dedication
- Barbara Devore thanked Jim and staff for the school news in the Grapevine
- Barbara Devore discussed with the board the Japanese Knotweed behind the playground. She discussed with a commercial sprayer about spraying the area- he informed her with it being school property there are too many hoops for him to make it worth while. The Conservation Committee would then recommend continual cutting of it to control it. Mr. McCormick stated that he would discuss it with Fred Greenwood as the town maintains the school grounds.

Business Manager:

- Brenda Wiley submitted current manifest and payroll. It is noted that present board members signed manifest and payroll sheet.
- Audit Results – received about one hour prior to tonight's meeting – quick review tonight and

Approved 6-4-12

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discuss more in depth at next meeting (Attachment 1)

- Announcement of savings on Building Aid – Entirely Mike's own work that allowed us to receive these savings (approximately \$300,000) – thank you (Attachment 2)

Superintendent's Report:

- School safety news sent to all staff
- 10th Annual Merit Badges from Boy Scouts handed out to board members
- First Superintendent / Parent meeting scheduled for May 16
- Magazine drive for recycling contest – fourth grade won
- Web name – going to publicize shortly – will have banner outside
- Energy savings with PSNH – thank you to Brenda Wiley – savings over \$800
- Renzulli Renewal for grades 3, 4, 5
- Monthly enrollment report provided to board
- Two security cameras online
- Donation of time from Mr. Devencentis to hook up speakers and projectors – thank you to Karen McDonough for arranging
- Thank you to Vertex and Mr. Hodges for Science Day
- Wizard of Oz play to be held Friday May 18
- Thank you to Mason School Club for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Grade 5 graduation Wednesday June 13 at 2:00
- Certification and recognition from John Hopkins University
- Grade 4 Science NECAP held last week

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Superintendent recommends accepting check for \$173.16 from the Mason School Club for the purchase of tennis equipment

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to accept a check from the Mason School Club in the amount of \$173.16 for the purchase of tennis equipment, seconded by **John Diefenbach***

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Phalon, Diefenbach

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

- Superintendent recommends the Mason School Board approve a three year contract with First Student Busing (Attachment 3)

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to enter into a three year contract with First Student Busing as recommended by the Superintendent, seconded by **Jeannine Phalon***

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aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Phalon, Diefenbach
nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

- Indoor Air Quality Inspection Checklist provided to board – very extensive

Policies:

- Mr. Doyle requests that a sub-committee for policies be finalized for next meeting
- Superintendent provided a sample policy that Milford uses for Tuition Students
- Entrance Age policy requested to be reviewed

Committee Reports:

- Small section of roof to be removed Wednesday for inspection
- Update of sharing services with town – Mr. Doyle informed the board that the Selectmen informed him that they would not be interested in meeting with the School Board. Sub – committee will meet June 5 and will attend a Selectmen's meeting

School Board Requests:

- Jeannine Phalon - Discussion of Student School Board Member as outlined in policy BBBF- Student-Members of The School Board. After a brief discussion the board would like to consider the possibilities and request Mr. McCormick to review in more detail
- Jeannine Phalon – Discussion of setting School Board Goals
- Stephanie Syre-Hager – Discussion of Board Work Sessions – maybe begin in summer – request that board members bring availability schedule to next meeting

*Motion by **Robert Doyle** to enter into Executive Session at 2025h per RSA 91-A:3 II, (a) dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee, seconded by **Stephanie Syre-Hager***

aye: Doyle, Phalon, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion Carried: 4-0

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

Discussion:

- School Board stipends
- Superintendent's Evaluation
- Audit
- Staff changes
- Non – resident students
- Career Ladders

Mr. McCormick informed the board that members will receive stipends and if they wish to donate the

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money to the school they may but the district needs to give them the stipend.

As discussed in public just received audit report.

As discussed in public the board will need to review and put in place a policy for non-resident students who wish to tuition in.

Superintendent requests he be provided with his evaluation per his contract at the next meeting.

Motion by Robert Doyle to enter back into public session at 2105h, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

aye: Doyle, Phalon, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion Carried: 4-0

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the Executive Session minutes dated 4-9-12 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

aye: Doyle, Syre-Hager, Phalon

nay: none

Abstain: Diefenbach

Motion Carried: 3-0

Motion by Robert Doyle to seal executive session minutes dated 5/14/12, due to on going contract negotiations, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

aye: Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager, Phalon

nay: none

Motion Carried: 4-0

Robert Doyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 2110h, Seconded by **Jeannine Phalon**,
The meeting adjourned unanimously at 2110h.

Respectfully Submitted,


Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary