

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,
MASON NH SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUGUST 8, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday August 8, 2011 at approximately 1900h in the Mason Elementary School Multi-Purpose room, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

Superintendent Jim McCormick, School Board Members: Robert Doyle, Robert Hemmer, John Diefenbach, Stephanie Syre-Hager, Secretary Becky Partridge, Business Manager Brenda Wiley, and Moderator Catherine Schwenk were present. Dr. Donald Hodges joined the meeting at 1945h.

Recognition of Public

Jason Sabotka, Emari Traffie (Ledger, Transcript paper)

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Robert Doyle to approve minutes dated 7/18/2011 as amended by Becky Partridge, seconded by John Diefenbach.

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

Motion carried 4-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings

Monday August 22, 2011: Regular School Board Meeting at 1900h, MES Multi-Purpose Room

Public Communications

Ms. Traffie asked the board if there was an update on the ongoing investigation that Mr. McCormick is involved in. Mr. Hemmer told her that he has not been contacted by the AG and that she would have to contact them directly for more information.

Business Manager:

Brenda Wiley submitted manifests, payroll and one kindergarten check for approval and signatures. It is noted that board members signed said documents.

Ms. Wiley requests the boards approval to open an account at Centrix Bank to replace the district account at TD Bank.

Motion by Robert Doyle to approve the closure and transfer of money from TD Bank to Centrix Bank, seconded by John Diefenbach

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

Motion carried 4-0

It is noted that the appropriate persons signed the Centrix Bank Resolution form.

Superintendent's Report- Mr. McCormick:

Year End Cafeteria Revenues (in black)

Letter from state regarding school approval designation through the year 2015

Singapore Math update – books purchased at a discounted rate for grade 1, training will take place shortly for the appropriate teachers

Audit Report update – still going back and forth with questions to auditors

New shed arrived

Mason Elementary School sign moved

Technology update – new teacher has begun

Orders are coming in for new school year

Title 1 grant approved

New Business:

Motion by Rob Doyle to accept an anonymous \$150.00 donation, seconded by John Diefenbach

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

Motion carried 4-0

organizational chart

Motion by Rob Doyle to accept the Superintendent's proposed organizational chart, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

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

Motion carried 4-0

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Doyle recommends that the district does not participate in the Planet Aide bin due to concerns with their financial practices –the board agrees

Motion by John Diefenbach to accept the Mason Elementary School Student handbook Version 1.0, seconded by Robert Doyle

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

Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the Mason School Board goals as amended 7/18/11, seconded by John Diefenbach

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

Motion carried 4-0

Dr. Donald Hodges joined the meeting

Policies:

First reading of IMDA – Pledge of Allegiance – remove motto “Live Free or Die”, change “urged” to “expected”, remove “participate”, and remove last sentence due to redundancy.

First reading Post Education Policy –brief discussion – no changes

First reading GASB 54 Fund Balance Policy – no changes

First reading GCG Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment – brief discussion – change number to bullets, remove “Masters degree or higher, and add “as specified by the Superintendent”

Committee Reports

Building Committee Report, Bob Hemmer:

Committee awaiting a meeting where Mike O'Neill can attend to clarify some invoice concerns

Motion by Robert Doyle to enter into executive session at 1930 h. per RSA 91-A:3 II. (b) hiring of any person as a public employee and RSA 193:1 Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by pupil and NH code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.14(a) Instructional Program, seconded by John Diefenbach.

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

Motion carried 4-0

Those present were Bob Hemmer, Robert Doyle, John Diefenbach, Stephanie Syre-Hager, Superintendent Jim McCormick, Parent Jason Sabotka and Secretary Becky Partridge.

Discussion:

Review of Personnel issue

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Motion by Robert Doyle to enter back into public session at 2000h, seconded by John Diefenbach

aye: Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Robert Doyle to approve executive session minutes dated 07-18-11 submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges

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

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Rob Doyle to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of extended summer contracts for OT (\$357.50) and Speech and Language (\$680.00), Seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

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

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Rob Doyle to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Accukeep's 2011 / 2012 contract with the understanding that it will be reviewed mid year at the January 2012 board meeting, Seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

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

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Bob Hemmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2015 h, seconded by Robert Doyle.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary