

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,  
MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NEW HAMPSHIRE, August 10, 2009**

A meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday, August 10, 2009, at approximately 7:50 p.m. at the Mann House, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

Chairperson Wolfgang Millbrandt called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present: Donald Hodges, Mary McDonald, Wolfgang Millbrandt.

School Board Treasurer Sue Wagoner, School Board Secretary Becky Partridge, Deb Bemis School District Administrator, Betty Mulrey School Principle, and Michael O'Neil of MRI were present.

**Recognition of Public**

Fred Greenwood, Bob Hemmer, Bob Bergeron, Tina Atkinson.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

*Motion by Donald Hodges to approve the minutes from executive session of July 27, 2009 as amended, **SECONDED** by Wolfgang Millbrandt.*

aye: McDonald, Hodges, Millbrandt

nay: none

**Motion carried 3-0**

**Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings**

A regular School Board meeting has been scheduled for August 24, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Work Session to review Student Policies has been scheduled for Thursday August 13, 2009.

**Public Communications**

Becky Partridge requested authorization to place Mason School District in the database of Lowes in order to submit a grant request. School Board accepted her request.

*Motion by Donald Hodges to allow grants to be submitted that are recommended by the Mason School Principle Betty Mulrey, **SECONDED** by Mary McDonald.*

aye: Hodges, Millbrandt, McDonald

nay: none

**Motion carried 3-0**

**Building Committee**

Bob Hemmer and Fred Greenwood informed the Board that all is still on schedule. Sullivan Construction ensured Fred Greenwood that the school will be ready for school opening even if it requires that Sullivan Construction works six days a week and longer hours.

*Motion by Donald Hodges to authorize Mary McDonald to sign the final Sullivan Construction contract pending approval by Mike O'Neil of MRI, **SECONDED** by Wolfgang Millbrandt.*

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

**Motion carried 3-0**

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**Unfinished Business**

School Board members had the second reading of revised financial policy DGA, Authorization Signature.

*Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to approve Financial Policy DGA, Authorization Signatures, SECONDED by Donald Hodges.*

aye: McDonald, Hodges, Millbrandt

nay: none

**Motion carried 3-0**

Deb Bemis discussed with the Board the importance and necessity of approving policies before the start of school. Mike O'Neil added that it is required by the DOE to have these policies in place before the start of school and that it is recommended that the School Board approves the standard policies used by many school district. Donald Hodges disagrees and would like to review each policy individual. Deb Bemis feels that the Student Policies should be reviewed ASAP. Work Session was scheduled for Thursday August 13, 2009 to review Student Policies.

Tina Atkinson submitted a detailed hand out regarding Star Boards and their specific requirements. After extensive research her recommendation to the School Board would be to purchase Star Boards not Smart Boards.

*Motion by Mary McDonald to proceed with the purchase of the Star Boards, SECONDED by Donald Hodges.*

Discussion: Millbrandt's concern with purchasing the Star Boards is the integration of software and he also questions how the teachers are going to utilize these Boards in the classroom. It was discussed that there are many ways the teachers can use these Star Boards as effective tools in the classroom. It was discussed that the Star Boards can utilize the same software that Smart Boards can with the exception Lenox. However it was discussed that Lenox is not commonly used at this time.

aye: McDonald, Hodges, Millbrandt

nay: none

**Motion carried 3-0**

Deb Bemis asked if the School Board would like her to purchase a membership to the School Board Association. School Board members do not feel that this is necessary but gave her authorization to request a quote from the School Board Association.

**SAU Withdrawal Update**

Deb Bemis informed the Board that the SAU Withdrawal is on the August agenda for the State DOE on Wednesday August 12, 2009. Members of the Withdrawal Committee are welcomed to attend.

**Financial**

Mike O'Neil of MRI informed the School Board that he had received a letter that Mason would be given a check for \$22,302.90 (twenty two thousand three hundred two dollars and ninety cents) from the Mascenic School District. This money represents Mason's

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share from the start-up funds of SAU 87. Mike O'Neill gave Sue Wagoner a letter stating the above information which she will pass along to the appropriate officials of the Town. Mike O'Neil informed the Board that the financial software was downloaded and that training had occurred last week. After final enrollment has been confirmed, approximately on September 15, 2009 MRI will review the budget in regards to the line item of Tuitioning.

Deb Bemis informed the Board that she sent certified letters to 10 (ten) families who thought they could enroll their children at Boynton. In the letter Bemis explained that the Mason School District has a tuitioning agreement with Milford and that if they still wished to enroll their children at Boynton, Mason would not pay for the tuitioning and it would be the responsibilities of the families to pay the tuitioning.

Mike O'Neil submitted checks to the Board for signatures.

*Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to go into Executive Session at 9:15 pm, SECONDED by Donald Hodges.*

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

**Motion carried 3-0**

Minutes of public session taken by Secretary Becky Partridge and transcribed by Secretary Becky Partridge.