

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,
MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEW HAMPSHIRE, OCTOBER 26, 2009**

A meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday, October 26, 2009 at approximately 7:35 p.m. at the Mason Elementary School Cafeteria, 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: Mary McDonald, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Donald Hodges.

School Board Treasurer Sue Wagoner, School Board Secretary Becky Partridge, School District Administrator Deb Bemis, Moderator Catherine Schwenk, and School Principal Betty Mulrey were present.

Recognition of Public

John Lewicke, Bob Bergeron, Bob Hemmer, Chris Guiry

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to approve the non- public/ public minutes of September 28, 2009 submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded Donald Hodges,

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to approve the minutes of October 12, 2009 submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded Donald Hodges,

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to approve the non-public minutes of October 12, 2009 submitted by Deb Bemis, seconded Donald Hodges,

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings

Two regular School Board meetings have been scheduled for Monday November 9, 2009 and Monday November 23, 2009 at 7:30 pm, Mason Elementary School Cafeteria.

Public Communications

Dr. Chris Guiry on behalf of the Mason Selectmen presented to the Board a request by one of the school bus drivers to park the school bus on town property overnight and between pick up/ drop off. Dr. Chris Guiry informed the Board that the Selectmen would be willing to work with the School Board on this issue. Ms. Mulrey volunteered to investigate possible areas where the school bus may be parked.

Dr. Chris Guiry on behalf of the Selectmen invited the School Board members to come to the Selectmen's meeting October 27, 2009 to discuss a strategy to retrieve funds in the Capital Reserve Fund of the Mascenic School District that Mason had paid into.

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Members of the School Board accepted and will attend the meeting on October 27, 2009 at 7:30 pm. Dr. Guiry suggested that Ms. Bemis call Selectmen Secretary Ms. Milkovits, to inform her of their expected attendance.

Dr. Chris Guiry presented an alternate proposal from that given to the School Board by the Teeth to Toes Program to provide the Mason School children with fluoride treatments and examinations. In this proposal Dr. Guiry told the School Board that he would be willing to provide the Fluoride that could be given to the children. He explained that this is a state run funded program. He also proposed he would do an initial examination to children. Ms. Bemis spoke to the other program and said that the Teeth to Toes program not only provides fluoride and a dental exam it does provide for a teeth cleaning and secures dental care for those needing it by forwarding those children who may have no dental coverage to dentists. Dr. Guiry stated that those that perform the dental exam are not appropriately trained to recognize some dental issues and the teeth cleaning portion of the program is not done by a certified dentist. The School Board would take the proposal under advisement.

Reports

District Administrator Report, Deb Bemis:

Ms. Bemis presented a draft of the Benefits Allowance contract for the four current Para personnel. The Board would like the following changes to the contract before they will consider accepting.

1. On page 5 under Sick Time/ Personal Days strike the second paragraph beginning with "Each Staff member shall receive" and ending with "academic year shall be ten (10)."
2. Page 5 fourth paragraph change "end" to "beginning" and change "1st and 2nd academic quarters" to "September and January".
3. Page 5 second to last paragraph change "times" to "days".
4. Page 5 & 6 strike Attendance Awards.
5. Page 6 first paragraph change "shall not" to "will be" and delete "upon the permanent or temporary cessation of employment with the District."
6. Page 7 change paragraph title from "Insurance" to "Health Reimbursement"

Business Manager, Mike O'Neil:

On behalf of Mr. O'Neil School Board Treasurer Sue Wagoner submitted checks with the supporting documents and the current manifest to be signed by the School Board. It is noted that the School Board signed submitted checks and manifest.

On behalf of Mr. O'Neil, Ms. Bemis reviewed the requested dates for the budget review with the School Board.

Monday, November 30, 2009- first presentation of the 2010/2011 School District Budget.

Thursday, December 10, 2009- second presentation of the 2010/2011 School District Budget.

Monday, January 11, 2009- final presentation of the 2010.2011 School District Budget including the tax rate impact. This last presentation will occur during a regular scheduled Mason School Board meeting.

Tuesday, January 19, 2009-Public hearing on the Proposed 2010/ 2011 budget

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Motion by Donald Hodges to allow Mike O'Neil of MRI to set the dates as outlined, seconded Mary McDonald,

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Principal Report, Betty Mulrey:

Ms. Mulrey informed the Board about the following dates and the scheduled activities:
October 27: Open house and bake sale (Elementary School children helped bake the bake goods as part of a Friday afternoon assembly)

October 29: Lyn McAnn will be holding a Seasonal Flu Clinic for the residents of Mason.

October 30: Halloween parade for the Mason Elementary school children at 1:15pm.

November 6: The children will be allowed to walk through the construction site with the construction management company.

November 13: The Mason Fire Department will visit for Fire Prevention Day.

NECAP test were picked up on October 23 and Ms. Mulrey should be informed about the results in January 2010.

Building Committee, Bob Hemmer:

Mr. Hemmer informed the Board that all is back on schedule after being delayed due to poor weather conditions. Mr. Hemmer informed the Board that he has installed all the Star Boards that he has, 5 out of the 6. The sixth Star Board should arrive shortly. Mr. Millbrandt asked if the projectors will be hooked into the network? Mr. Hemmer responded No. Mr. Millbrandt would like to know why. After a brief discussion it was determined that the original proposal for the Star Boards were to be used to enhance the curriculum in the classroom not as a means to network administrative issues. Mr. Millbrandt disagrees and feels they should be used to their full potential.

Curriculum:

Ms. Mulrey informed the Board that she will have some Mason teachers and some members from the Board elect committee on the current Curriculum Committee. Science will be the first subject to be discussed.

Mason Education Support Organization, Becky Partridge:

Ms. Partridge informed the Board that she will send out the 1023 application once she receives the check for the fee from the Mason School Board.

Technology Committee:

None

Withdrawal Committee:

Vote for the SAU withdrawal will be October 27, 2009.

Policies

The first reading of the documents and their recommended changes are as follows:

*Notes changes within document

EB- Safety Program- No Change

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EBB- Safety Procedures/ Safe School Committee- No Change
EBBB-Accident Reports- No Change
EBBC- Emergency Care and First Aid- No Change
EBC- Crisis Prevention and Response- No Change
EBCA- Emergency Plans-No Change
EBCB- Fire Drills-No Change
EBCC- Bomb Threats- No Change
EBCD- Emergency Closings- No Change
EBCE- School Closings- No Change
EBCF- Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies- No Change
EC-Buildings and Grounds Management- No Change
ECA- Buildings and Grounds Security- No Change
ECAB- Access to Buildings-No Change
ECAC- Vandalism- No Change
ECAF- Audio and Video Surveillance on School Buses- No Change
ECF- Energy Conservation- No Change
EDC-Authorized Use Of School-Owned Materials & Equipment- No Change
EEAA- Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property- No Change
EEAE- School Bus Safety Program- No Change
EEAEA- Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing-School Bus Drivers- No Change
EEAEC- Student Conduct on School Buses- No Change
EEAF- Special Use of School Buses- No Change
EF- Food Service Management- No Change
EFC- Free and Reduced-Price Lunch- No Change
EGAD- Copyright Compliance- No Change
EH- Public Use of School Records- No Change
EHB- Data/Records Retention- No Change
EI- Risk Management- No Change
EIB- Liability Insurance and Pooled Risk Management- No Change
EID- Insurance- No Change
EBCA-R- Emergency Plans-Checklist- No Change
EBCB-R- Fire Exit Drills in Educational Occupancies- No Change
EEAG-R- Statement of Insurance on Private Vehicles- No Change
EEA-R- Student Transportation Services-Regulations for Students Riding School Buses- No change
EEAEA-R-Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers- No Change
EGA-R- Acceptable Internet Procedures- No Change
EGAD-R- Copyright Compliance- No Change
EHB-R- Local Records Retention Schedule- No Change
ICA- School Calendar- No Change
IFA- Instructional Needs of Students with Different Talents- No Change
IGA- Curriculum Development- No Change
IGD- Curriculum Adoption- No Change
IHAE- Physical Education- No Change
IHAK-Character and Citizenship Education- No Change
IHAMA-Teaching About Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco- No Change
IHAMB-Teaching About Self Protection- No Change
IHAMC- HIV/ AIDS- No Change
IHBA- Programs For Pupils With Disabilities- No Change
IHBAA- Evaluation Requirements for Children With Specific Learning Disabilities- No Change
IHBB- Programs For Gifted Pupils- No Change
IHBBA- Limited English Proficiency Instruction- No Change
IHBCA- Pregnant Students- No Change

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IHBG- Home Education Instruction- No Change

IIB- Class Size- No Change

IIC- Instructional Time- Schedule- No Change

*IHCD- Advanced Course Work/ Advance Placement Courses- Strike from district's policies

*IHCA- Summer Activities- Strike from district's policies

*IHBI- Alternative Learning Plan- Strike from district's policies

*IHBH- Extended Learning Opportunities-Strike from district's policies

*IHAM-Health Education and Exemption From Instruction-Add as a fourth paragraph "The principal will arrange a parent/ guardian meeting whereas the curriculum for health and sex education may be reviewed by the parents/ guardians."

*IHAI-Teaching About Religion-Strike from district's policies

*IHAH- World Language Program-Strike from district's policies

*IF-Instruction Approach-Delete first sentence "It is the policy of the Board....." Delete the word "Additionally", Change "learner" to "student" throughout this policy.

*IC-School Year-Delete "Either option may have collective bargaining implications."

*IB- Academic Freedom-Strike from district's policies

*EDCA-R- Employee Use of Cellular Telephones- Strike from district's policies

*EBBC-R-First Aid Directions- Strike from district's policies

*EHA- Computer Security, E-Mail and Internet Communications-Under #2 Delete second sentence and add "Limited personal business is permitted if it does not conflict with school policies."

*EGA-School District Internet Access for Students- Strike from district's policies. Will be incorporated into Technology Policy.

*EFE-Vending Machines- Delete content of policy and replace with "Vending machines will be at the discretion of the School Board. Contents of the vending machine will be in compliance with Policy JLCF, WELLNESS POLICY,

*EEAG- Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Students-add in first sentence- "must have prior authorization by the parents/ legal guardian and the Superintendent or his/her designee."

*EDCA- Employee Use of Cellular Telephones- Strike from district's policies

*EEA-Student Transportation Services- Delete sentence "Pupils attending private schools"

New Business

Mr. Hodges presented to the Board the need to have a Building Safety Committee. Mr. Hodges volunteered to be the ex-officious. Mr. Hodges discussed the direction the committee should take in establishing a comprehensive safety program.

1. The amount and type of crime that occurs in Mason.
2. What precautions do the surrounding schools take?
3. The tolerance of the people to security features.
4. What is the School trying to protect, property, students, or both?
5. Must coordinate the efforts with the Police and Fire Department.
6. Begin to work on a code word system that all teachers will follow in case of an emergency.

Mr. Millbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary