

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,
MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEW HAMPSHIRE, November 9, 2009**

A meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday, November 9, 2009 at approximately 7:40 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, Mike O'Neil of MRI were present.

Recognition of Public

John Lewicke, Bob Hemmer, Joan Losee, Jim Losee, Charlene LeDoux

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Mary McDonald to approve the public minutes of October 26, 2009 submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded Donald Hodges,

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings

Thursday November 12, 2009: Building Safety Committee at 7:30 pm, Mason Elementary School Administration Offices

Monday November 23, 2009: Regular School Board meeting at 7:30 pm, Mason Elementary School Cafeteria

Monday November 30, 2009: First presentation of the 2010/2011 School District Budget at 7:30 pm, Mason Elementary School Cafeteria.

Monday December 7, 2009: Technology Committee at 7:30 pm, Mason School Administration Offices.

Thursday December 10, 2009: Second presentation of the 2010/2011 School District Budget at 7:30 pm, Mason Elementary School Cafeteria.

Monday December 14, 2009: Regular School Board meeting at 7:30 pm Mason Elementary School Cafeteria.

Monday December 21, 2009: Work Session to review policies at 7:30 pm, Mason Elementary School Administration Offices.

Monday January 11, 2010: 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 at 7:30 pm, Mason Elementary School Cafeteria.

Tuesday January 19, 2010: Public hearing on the Proposed 2010/ 2011 Budget at 7:30pm, Mason Elementary School Cafeteria.

Public Communications

Ms. Charlene LeDoux asked to be heard in regards to a proposal to start a string orchestra at the Mason Elementary School.

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After a brief discussion and Ms. LeDoux outline of her proposal (refer to attached sheet Mason Elementary School String Orchestra Program) to the School Board a motion was made,

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to proceed with Ms. LeDoux presented proposal to start a string orchestra on the basis that it will be self funded, seconded by Mary McDonald,

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Reports

District Administrator Report, Deb Bemis:

Ms. Bemis presented the revised Benefits Allowance contract for the four current Para personnel for the School Board to review. After some discussion a motion was made.

Motion by Mary McDonald to approve the Benefits Allowance Contract dated 11/9/09 as revised as indicated in the minutes of October 26, 2009, seconded Donald Hodges.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

It is noted that Mr. Millbrandt signed approved contracts.

Ms. Bemis informed the School Board that herself and Ms. Mulrey had met with the teachers and have begun working on the Career Ladder Review process.

Dr. Hodges inquired whether the teachers and staff would be able to perform a mid-year District review? Ms. Bemis and Ms. Mulrey believed that they would be able to perform a mid-year review.

Business Manager, Mike O'Neil:

Mr. O'Neil submitted the current manifest to be signed by the School Board. It is noted that the School Board members signed manifest.

Ms. McDonald inquired about an email that was sent from Don Jutton of MRI and the proposal from MRI to come and evaluate possible cost savings to the District.

Motion by Mary McDonald to proceed with the proposal from Don Jutton from MRI to come and evaluate cost savings, seconded-NO

After some discussion about the cost of having MRI come to Mason to do an evaluation it was determine that Ms. McDonald would first discuss the cost of this proposal with MRI and inform the Board at which time a decision would be made.

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Principal Report, Betty Mulrey:

Ms. Mulrey informed the Board about the following dates and the scheduled activities:
November 13: The Mason Fire Department will visit for Fire Prevention Day.

Ms. Mulrey informed the Board that the children had a wonderful tour of the school building during a Friday assembly.

Ms. Mulrey asked Joan Losee to speak in regards to the large number of children absent. Ms. Losee informed the Board that there was a large number of absences (approximately 30 children) absent at the school due to illness. However she informed the Board that most students have returned.

Building Committee, Bob Hemmer:

Mr. Hemmer informed the Board that all is going along smoothly and that Fairpoint had installed the requested poles.

Curriculum: Ms. Mulrey informed the Board that the teachers are beginning to start the process of reviewing the Science Curriculum and the frameworks from the State.

Mason Education Support Organization, Becky Partridge:

Ms. Partridge informed the Board that she sent out the 1023 application.

Technology Committee: Ms. Bemis requested a meeting date be set, Monday December 7, 2009.

After a lengthily discussion regarding the use of one central website as the official site of the District a motion was made.

Motion by Mary McDonald to have one official website for the District at masonnhschools.org which will contain all information, seconded Donald Hodges,

aye: McDonald, Hodges

nay: none

abstain: Millbrandt

Motion carried 2-0, 1 abstention

Withdrawal Committee: Ms. Bemis informed the Board that the State approval for the affirmative vote by Mason voters to withdraw from the current SAU is set for November 18, 2009.

Building Safety Committee: A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday November 12, 2009. The Safety Committee will address the request made by the Mason Police Chief to have a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Policies

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to accept the second reading and approve the following policies:

EB- Safety Program

EBB- Safety Procedures/ Safe School Committee

EBBB-Accident Reports

EBBC- Emergency Care and First Aid

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EBC- Crisis Prevention and Response
EBCA- Emergency Plans
EBCB- Fire Drills
EBCC- Bomb Threats
EBCD- Emergency Closings
EBCE- School Closings
EBCF- Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies
EC-Buildings and Grounds Management
ECA- Buildings and Grounds Security
ECAB- Access to Buildings
ECAC- Vandalism
ECAAF- Audio and Video Surveillance on School Buses
ECF- Energy Conservation
EDC-Authorized Use Of School-Owned Materials & Equipment
EEAA- Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property
EEAE- School Bus Safety Program
EEAEA- Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing-School Bus Drivers
EEAEC- Student Conduct on School Buses
EEAF- Special Use of School Buses
EF- Food Service Management
EFC- Free and Reduced-Price Lunch
EGAD- Copyright Compliance
EH- Public Use of School Records
EHB- Data/Records Retention
EI- Risk Management
EIB- Liability Insurance and Pooled Risk Management
EID- Insurance
EBCA-R- Emergency Plans-Checklist
EBCB-R- Fire Exit Drills in Educational Occupancies
EEAG-R- Statement of Insurance on Private Vehicles
EEA-R- Student Transportation Services-Regulations for Students Riding School Buses
EEAEA-R-Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers
EGA-R- Acceptable Internet Procedures
EGAD-R- Copyright Compliance
EHB-R- Local Records Retention Schedule
ICA- School Calendar
IFA- Instructional Needs of Students with Different Talents
IGA- Curriculum Development
IGD- Curriculum Adoption
IHAE- Physical Education
IHAK-Character and Citizenship Education
IHAMA-Teaching About Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco
IHAMB-Teaching About Self Protection
IHAMC- HIV/ AIDS
IHBA- Programs For Pupils With Disabilities
IHBA- Evaluation Requirements for Children With Specific Learning Disabilities
IHBB- Programs For Gifted Pupils
IHBB- Limited English Proficiency Instruction
IHBCA- Pregnant Students
IHBG- Home Education Instruction
IIB- Class Size
IIC- Instructional Time- Schedule

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seconded by Donald Hodges,

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Donald Hodges to accept the second reading and approve the following policies as amended outlined in the minutes of October 26, 2009,

IHAM-Health Education and Exemption From Instruction

IF-Instruction Approach

IC-School Year

EHAA- Computer Security, E-Mail and Internet Communications

EFE-Vending Machines

EEAG- Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Students

EEA-Student Transportation Services

seconded by Wolfgang Millbrandt

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Mr. Millbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge

School Board Secretary