



Mason School District Mason, NH School Board Meeting

*Monday, November 10, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.
Mason Elementary School Cafeteria*

1) Organization

- a) Call to order @ 7:38 by Wolf Millbrandt
- b) Roll call
- c) Review and approve Minutes from October 27, 2008
 - Mary McDonald made a motion to accept minutes; Donald Hodges seconded minutes approved
- d) Set date and time for next meeting
 - November 24, 2008, 7:30 PM

2) Public Communication (open forum for discussion/questions)

3) General

- a) SAU membership/assessment (Eggert,Browning)
 - There was no SAU representative present and the agenda was sent out
- b) SAU warrant for March?
 - Motion to hold a public hearing on Nov 18, 2008 to form a committee for withdrawal of SAU 63 was motioned by Don and seconded by Mary
 - Advertisement for hearing will be posted in the Ledger as well as two Public areas in town (Town Hall and Mann House)
- c) Minutes availability status and process
 - The minutes will be stored at the Town Clerks office.
 - SAU 63 status
 - none
- d) Financial Report
 - none
- e) Mascenic Report
 - Wolf will confirm with SAU 63 on any plan to address code violations. School is not approved as of June 30, 2009.

4) Unfinished Business

- none

5) Committee Reports

- a) Tuitioning
 - i) Pre-K program:
 - The SPED cost per student from Mascenic is \$5,400
 - ii) Kindergarten:
 - The cost benefit for outsourcing to Imagine That was discussed and further discussion will be held at the special hearing on Nov. 18, 2008
 - iii) Fifth Grade:
 - Motion was made by Mary to not send the fifth grade to Milford, Don seconded – Motion passed

- iv) Milford Contract:
 - Wolf discussed sending an electronic copy of the Milford contract Don made a motion and Mary seconded
 - v) Mascenic Contract
 - Sent Milford contract to SAU #63 as a comparison baseline to Mascenic's offer.
 - vi) Student Surveys:
 - Surveys for current Mascenic High School attendees were sent out. Surveys for general population going out tomorrow.
- b) Staffing
- i) Status of advertising
 - Advertisement will be placed in the Monadnock Ledger and the Grapevine.
 - Jobs will also be posted at local colleges; Rivier and FSC
 - ii) Wage Schedule or Evaluation policy to enable offers
 - Still working on final draft of wage schedule
 - iii) Benefits vendor (John Lewicke, Chair)
 - Process of setting cost benefits and salaries for administration and teachers
 - iv) Target first round of interviews for EARLY December
- c) Curriculum
- Mary and Tina will write the Kindergarten Grant. The Grant is due by December 1, 2008. The Grant will reflect outcome of November 18th meeting and be available for approval by the next Board Meeting.
- d) Grants
- Becky Partridge volunteered to fill out the 501c form
- e) Charter School
- Discussed the possibility of using K12 curriculum for some subject areas.
 - The cost of the curriculum needs to be established with Charles Zogby of K12
 - A cost analysis needs to be provided on having smart boards in all classrooms
- f) Finance
- i) No Update on building bond. Still concerns with the Date Effectiveness of the Mason School District and the authorization to appropriate monies.
Mary continues to work with David Barnes (Bond Bank Council)
- g) Policies
- i) CHPS
 - First reading of POP1-POP7 (Policies and Operations Prerequisites)
No Changes
Need clarification of EPA Tools for Schools
- h) Buildings
- i) Bob Hemmer provided a summary of the Architecture interviews that were conducted on November 3rd. 4 firms were interviewed: Banwell, CMK, Mires, & Scully. A comparison of the fee schedule was provided. The Committee's recommendation was to go with Scully. There was some discussion as to why given that their proposed fee was not necessarily the lowest. Mary moved to accept Scully, Don seconded – Motion passed.
 - ii) Parsonage – The first inspection of the parsonage by a building mover was completed. The opinion was that there should be no issues in physically moving the building – The question still remains as to where – This may be more problematic.

6) New Business

- a) Jodi Aho from Imagine That came for a discussion on the potential for accommodating the Schools need to supply Kindergarten. Estimate cost is \$75/student/week – Minimum of 12 students. Would need to open enrollment to non-Mason residents to provide a necessary operating enrollment level. This could be an interim solution if the Building accommodation for onsite is not feasible. More discussion on November 18th.
- b) Need to make sure that any tuitioning RFQ/RFP addresses state requirements and compliance with Mason's Kindergarten curriculum.

7) Executive Session

- a) Mary provided the Board copies of all resumes received to date.

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