

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,
MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEW HAMPSHIRE, JUNE 18, 2009**

A meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at approximately 7:45 p.m. at the Mason Elementary School, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

School Board member Donald Hodges called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present: Donald Hodges, Mary McDonald, Deb Bemis (Representative of SAU #63). Absent was Wolfgang Millbrandt.

Recognition of Visitors

Betty Mulrey, 2009/ 2010 Mason Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher/ Principal was present.

Business Administrator Services

Deb Bemis has been in contact with Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) to discuss their services of business administration. Refer to attachment from Don Jutton of MRI dated June 18, 2009 for details of services.

*Motion by Mary McDonald to accept the initial services set-up and evaluation from Municipal Services, Inc. as outlined for \$1280 (one thousand two hundred eighty dollars) **SECONDED** by Donald Hodges.*

aye: McDonald, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 2-0

At 8:00 School Board member and Chairperson Wolfgang Millbrandt began participation in the meeting.

Pre-K Program

Deb Bemis began the discussion with the information that was requested of her from the school board. Information can be found on the non-public/ public/ adjournment minutes dated June 8, 2009. School Board member Mary McDonald would like more information before coming to a decision about implementing a Pre-K program in 2009/ 2010. McDonald would like to research more alternatives for the children who will be serviced by this program.

*Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to accept a Pre-K Program, **SECONDED** by Donald Hodges.*

Discussion: McDonald voiced strong opposition to beginning a Pre-K program in 2009/ 2010 without more information.

Aye: Millbrandt, Hodges

Nay: McDonald

Motion carried 2-1*

*Motion made by Mary McDonald to specify a start date for the Pre-K Program, **SECONDED** by Donald Hodges.*

Discussion: Deb Bemis would like the program to start for the school year 2009/2010. Deb Bemis informed the board that there is adequate space in the building plans and that they would not have to be adjusted for a Pre-K program this year or in the future.

Aye: McDonald, Hodges, Millbrandt

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Nay: none
Motion carried 3-0

*Motion made by Wolfgang Millbrandt to strike Mary McDonald's motion and replace it with a motion to start a Pre-K program for August 2009/ 2010, **SECONDED** by Donald Hodges.*

Discussion: Deb Bemis informed the Board that Pre-K programs typically begin a week or two after the beginning of the school year and that the School Board should not specify August.

Aye: Millbrandt, Hodges
Nay: McDonald
Motion carried 2-1

*Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to implement a Pre-K program in the Mason Elementary School for the 2009/ 2010 school year, **SECONDED** by Donald Hodges.*

Discussion: Donald Hodges would like Kindergarten and Pre-K in separate locations after this school year. Betty Mulrey believes that Mason can implement a Pre-K program for this school year however she would like to know long range plans for Kindergarten and Pre-K before coming to a decision. Mary McDonald strongly opposed the motion without more information given.

Aye: Millbrandt, Hodges
Nay: McDonald
Motion carried 2-1

Discussion: Deb Bemis would like it noted that she would prefer the School Board not to discuss the Pre-K program without her present.

*All motions were made in succession; votes in order (of motions made) were taken after all discussion in regards to the Pre-K Program had ended.

W-9 Form

*Motion made by Mary McDonald to have appointed Chairperson Wolfgang Millbrandt sign the W-9 form for the transfer of funds per Mascenic withdrawal agreement, **SECONDED** by Donald Hodges.*

Discussion: Millbrandt had asked counsel if the Warrant Articles that Mason passed earlier became effective immediately or do they become effective June 30, 2009. Millbrandt has not received an answer yet.

Aye: Millbrandt, Hodges, McDonald
Nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

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Envision Math Program

(attachment titled Mason School Distinct Envision Math 06.16.09 all items)
Motion made by Mary McDonald to accept Envision Math Curriculum by Pearson quote for \$8,493.14 (eight thousand four hundred ninety three dollars and fourteen cents), SECONDED by Donald Hodges.

Discussion: Millbrandt would like to know what line item in the budget the funds will come from? Deb Bemis provided a copy of the budget and showed that there was a line item for purchases of books and materials. All Board members agreed that all the teachers showed great enthusiasm for this Math curriculum. Deb Bemis stated that in the future she would like more time to discuss curriculum changes with Betty Mulrey before implementing a change however she will defer to the teachers for the Math Curriculum.

Aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges
Nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

5th grade Curriculum

(attachment titled Mason Elementary -5th Grade 2009/2010 Resource Needs)
Motion made by Mary McDonald to authorize the purchase of the 5th grade curriculum, SECONDED by Donald Hodges.

Aye: Millbrandt, Hodges, McDonald
Nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion made by Mary McDonald to ratify the Tuesday, June 16, 2009 motion(see corresponding attachment) stating motion to accept the Purchase and Sale drawn up by Counsel modified 6/12/2009 and to initiate the transfer of the building/ land from Mascenic to Mason, SECONDED by Donald Hodges.

Aye: Hodges, McDonald
Nay: Millbrandt

Motion carried 2-1

McDonald and Bemis were informed that there was software in the teachers lounge. After looking only the licenses were found, not the software. Mary McDonald would like to get the information from the SAU in regards to the dumpster and public services to the building. Deb Bemis will discuss it with the SAU and give the information McDonald.

Second reading of policies

Discussion- no changes to the Fiscal Management Policies reviewed on June 12, 2009 work session with the exception of DGA-Authorization Signature.
Motion made by Wolfgang Millbrandt to accept the Fiscal Management Policies as amended with the exception of policy DGA-Authorization Signatures on June 12, 2009, SECONDED by Donald Hodges.

Aye: Millbrandt, Hodges
Nay: none

Abstain: McDonald

Motion carried 2-0 with one abstention

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Second reading of DGA-Authorization Signatures: Strike “who is authorized to sign only after approval of manifests by the Board.” The sentence will read as follows: **“Checks drawn on the general fund or any special fund (with the exception of the activity fund) will require the signatures of the School District Treasurer and a quorum of the School Board.”**

*Motion made by Wolfgang Millbrandt to accept and sign the “Resolution to Enter PRIMEX Membership Agreement” dated 6-18-2009, **SECONDED** by Donald Hodges.*

Aye: Millbrandt, Hodges, McDonald

Nay: None

Motion carried 3-0

Mary McDonald informed the School Board that the teachers were requested by at present Principle Noreen McAloon to turn in their building keys at 1:00 pm June 22, 2009. After discussion with the Board it was agreed that McDonald will tell Ms. McAloon that the teachers are to give the keys to the School Board.

Mary McDonald will send an email to Deb Bemis to remind her to get the files on all Mason students including those at Boynton and Mascenic High School.

*Motion made by Mary McDonald that any employee of the Mason NH School District or in-class volunteer that is alone with children will be fingerprinted and a background check performed. Only after a clear background check will they be allowed to perform their duties. The Mason School District will pay for all fingerprints and checks on School District Employees and it is at the discretion of the Board to pay for the volunteers, **SECONDED** by Donald Hodges.*

Aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Wolfgang

Nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

meeting adjourned 10:10 pm

Minutes taken by Secretary Becky Partridge and transcribed by Secretary Becky Partridge.