

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,
MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEW HAMPSHIRE, August 24, 2009**

A meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday, August 24, 2009, at approximately 7:35 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, Moderator Catherine Schwenk and Michael O'Neil of MRI were present

Betty Mulrey School Principle was absent.

Recognition of Public

Fred Greenwood, Bob Hemmer, Bob Bergeron, John Lewicke, Joan Losee, Jim Losee, Sheila Dunn, Chris Guiry.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

*Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to approve the minutes from August 10, 2009 and minutes from work session August 13, 2009 , **SECONDED** by Mary McDonald.*

aye: McDonald, Hodges, Millbrandt

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings

A regular School Board meeting has been scheduled for Monday September 14, 2009 at 7:30 PM, location TBA.

Work Session to review Personnel Policies has been scheduled for Monday September 7, 2009, location TBA.

Public Communications

Becky Partridge informed the Board that she received a letter from Colleen Lewis, third grade teacher, requesting that a list of items be purchased for her son for school. School Board member Mary McDonald discussed with Ms. Lewis that the School District purchases such items as listed in the letter, not individual students. School Board member Wolfgang Millbrandt would like to discuss the matter of non-approved letters being sent home to parents with the administration and how to correct the situation so it does not happen again.

SAU Withdrawal

Chris Guiry informed the Board that the SAU Withdrawal Committee appeared before the State Board of Education on August 12, 2009 where at that time the submitted SAU withdrawal plan was approved by the DOE. Two points of concern that were raised were one, the immediate disengagement of the District from the SAU and how the remaining towns would be effected and second was the amount of \$70,000 on page 13 of the financial documentation. The concern was that if the DOE approved the plan it would also be approving the amount specified. The DOE made a notation upon approval that the DOE Board neither approves nor disapproves of the financial disengagement arrangement.

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Chris Guiry informed members of the School Board that the DOE was impressed with the submitted documentation and that the School Board should give credit to the SAU Withdrawal Committee.

Chris Guiry informed the Board that the next step is to publish the approved plan and make notice of a special meeting where the voters of Mason will vote on the SAU withdrawal, the DOE will reimburse for the publication. Chris Guiry suggests that the School Board the time-line required for such a proceeding be discussed with District Counsel.

Motion made by Mary McDonald to authorize District Administrator Deb Bemis to coordinate with District Moderator Catherine Schwenk to establish a date for a hearing and special meeting after confirming appropriate time-line from District Counsel, Seconded by Donald Hodges.

aye: McDonald, Hodges, Millbrandt

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Financials

Mike O'Neil submitted checks to the Board for approval and signatures. Mike O'Neil submitted a manifest of check to be cut along with all supporting documents. He informed the Board that this will be how the Board approves checks under the new system in the future.

Mike O'Neil submitted a document to the Board for signatures from TD Bank North allowing the change from three signatures on the checks to one signature.

It is noted that all members signed the submitted checks, manifest, and document from TD Bank North.

Unfinished Business

Deb Bemis spoke with Mason Police Chief Barry Hutchins in regards to background investigations and criminal checks. In an email response he refers to RSA 189: 13-a. Wolfgang Millbrandt and Mary McDonald are unclear about who is responsible for the background investigation, is it a School Board function (such as calling references) or is it a police function? Deb Bemis will verify who is responsible for background investigations and what it actually entails.

Second reading of Student Policies:

Motion made by Wolfgang Millbrandt to accept the second reading and approve the following Student Policies, seconded by Mary McDonald,

JBAA-Sexual Harassment and Violence-Students

JEA- Compulsory Attendance Age

JFA- Residency

JFABB-Foreign Exchange Students

JG- Assignment of Students to Classes and Grade Levels

JH- Student Absences and Excuses

JIB- Student Involvement in Decision Making

JICD- Student Conduct, Discipline and Due Process

JICDD- Student Discipline: Out-of-School Actions

JICE- Student Publication

JICEA- Student Productions

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JICF- Gang Activity
JICFA- Hazing
JICG- Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession in and on School Facilities and
Grounds
JICHA- Breathalyzer at Student Social Events
JICI- Weapons on School Property
JICK- Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention
JIE- Pregnant Students
JIH- Student Searches and Their Property
JIHD- Student Interviews and Interrogation
JIJ- Student Protests, Demonstrations and Strikes
JJA- Student Activities and Organizations
JJE- Student Fund- raising Activities
JJF- Student Activities Fund Management
JJG- Non-School Sponsored Contests for Students
JKA- Corporal Punishment
JLC- Student Health Services
JKB- Detention of Students
JLCA- Physical Examination of Students
JLCB- Immunization of Students
JLCC- Communicable Disease
JLCCA- HIV/ AIDS
JLCD- Administering Medication to Students
JLCEA- Use of Automated External Defibrillator(s)
JLCG- Exclusion of Students From School For Illness
JLD- School Guidance and Counseling Program
JLI- Safety Program
JLDBA- Behavior Management and Intervention
JM- Student Awards
JRC- Release of Student Information
JQ- Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
JRA- Student Records and Access

aye: McDonald, Hodges, Millbrandt

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion made by Wolfgang Millbrandt to accept the second readings of the following documents as amended with no additional changes, seconded by Donald Hodges:

JCA- Change of School or Assignment
JEB- Age of Entrance
JIC- Student Conduct
JFAA- Admission of Resident Students
JFAB- Admission of Tuition and Non-Resident Student
JFABD- Admission of Homeless Students
JHC- Student Release Precautions
JI- Student Rights and Responsibilities
JIA- Student Due Process Rights
JICA- Students Dress Code
JICC- Student Conduct on School Buses

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JICH-Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
JICJ- Unauthorized Communication Devices
JIHC- Use of Metal Detectors
JLCE- First Aid and Emergency Medical Care
JLCF- Wellness Policy
JLIA- Supervision of Students

aye: McDonald, Hodges, Millbrandt

nay: none

Motion Carried 3-0

Building Committee

Bob Hemmer informed the Board that all is on schedule and that staff will begin setting up their classrooms this Wednesday. Wolfgang Millbrandt asked if and when the remaining roof would be repaired/ replaced. Mary McDonald informed him that it is being priced and will be done in Phase Two if the money is available.

Bob Hemmer requested that he be heard in non-public session without any further information as it may pertain to someone's reputation.

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to go into Executive Session at 8:50 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.