

Town of Mason

Mason School District

Minutes of the Mason School Board – February 22, 2010

All three members of the School Board were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. The Secretary was unavailable so Catherine Schwenk was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Those present were: Catherine Schwenk, Moderator, Laura Hooper, Colleen Lewis, Krissy McHugh, Fred Greenwood, Bob Hemmer, Bob Bergeron, Donna Richardson, John Lewicke, Mark A. Richardson, Chair of the Selectmen, Barry G. Hutchins, Jeannine Phalon, Phil Phalon, Rick Griffin, Garth Fletcher, Betty Mulrey, Susan Wagoner, Treasurer, Dean B. Eggert, Esq, School Council, Michael O'Neill, and Norman Tanguay from Tanguay Educational Consultants.

The next meeting will be held on March 8, 2010.

The minutes of February 8, 2010 were approved as corrected. (Due to technical difficulties the corrections will appear in the minutes of March 8, 2010 meeting.)

The board approved the minutes of the Budget Hearing held on February 15, 2010.

Public Communications followed. Mr. Hemmer asked questions concerning the Elementary Handbook. After considerable discussion and comment by the School Attorney, it was agreed that there were conflicting policies and that it should have been reviewed and sent out earlier.

Next, Norman Tanguay, Consultant hired by the School Board for an Organizations Review, was recognized. Norman Tanguay was recognized by the School Board. He presented a seven page report. The Superintendent kept interrupting Mr. Tanguay and the public asked her to refrain from speaking on the report until it was finished. This report is included as part of the minutes. The public requested copies of the report. Copies of the report were made and distributed.

On motion of Mary McDonald, seconded by Donald Hodges the board unanimously voted to go into non-public session at 8:36 p.m. with School District Council and Mr. Tanguay.

At 9:23 p.m. the Board emerged from non public session and on motion of Donald Hodges, Seconded by Mary McDonald voted to seal the minutes.

Approved as amended 03/08/10

On motion of Donald Hodges, seconded by Mary McDonald it was VOTED to accept Norman Tanguay's recommendations and further that they review and consider these recommendations before the next Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Mary McDonald to meet Thursday February 25, 2010 at 7:30 pm to discuss Administration evaluations. Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges. The Board voted unanimously. Dr. Deborah Bemis committed to posting date and time.

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Mr. Millbrandt asked if there was a deficiency.

The Superintendent of Schools, Deborah Bemis reported an undesignated fund balance of \$82,907.

The manifest was presented by Mike O'Neal and signed by the board. Mr. Millbrandt requested copies of the bank statements as there was no Treasurer's report.

At 10:00 p.m. Mrs. Mulrey, Principal reported that the North West Educational Association Base Line testing had been completed. There is one more round of testing to go. The assembly for bullying will be on March 8. These assemblies can last an hour. Mr. Philip Phalon said, "that he wanted more academics and less assemblies." The orchestra will have its first concert March 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Mason Town Hall.

Next, discussion was on the Warrant, the budget, and the election. On motion of Mary McDonald, seconded by Donald Hodges it was VOTED to amend the first page of the Warrant by striking out the Mason Town Hall and inserting the Mason Elementary School as it now appears on the warrant.

School Attorney, Dean Eggert said," that the election notice, the Warrant and the Budget should be posted in two public places and a copy made available to each school board member, the School District Clerk, and the Moderator." The forms to be posted were signed. The Superintendent was authorized to make the change in location on the first page of the warrant. The School District Clerk, John Lewicke gave sample ballots to the Superintendent for posting with the above documents.

The Building Committee reported that things are going well. They hope to get the certificate for March 13th on the 12th. The new roof is going on over the kindergarten.

The Technology Committee reported that they are finishing the standards.

The Safety Committee is looking for a place to evacuate the school if necessary. The Fire Department says that the Town Hall is too close. They have been in contact with

the Church. The current fire drills have been most successful with everybody out in one minute 25 seconds. The committee is also looking for emergency bus stops should the building need to be evacuated .

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Catherine Schwenk CP, Secretary Pro

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