

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,
MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEW HAMPSHIRE, MARCH 08, 2010**

A meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday, March 08, 2010 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, and Dr. Donald Hodges.

District Superintendent Dr. Deborah Bemis, Secretary Becky Partridge, Moderator Catherine Schwenk, Treasurer Sue Wagoner, and Mike O'Neil of MRI were present.

Recognition of Public

Refer to sign in sheet dated 03/08/10.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Mary McDonald to amend the minutes of 02/22/10 submitted by Catherine Schwenk as follows:

- 1. Page one 6th paragraph replace "motion of Mary McDonald, seconded by Donald Hodges the board voted to accept his report." to read "Norman Tanguay was recognized by the School Board."*
 - 2. Replace sentence "Discussion followed concerning posting notice of non-public session board meeting to discuss the recommendation and conduct administration evaluations." with "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."*
 - 3. Add before sentence "The Superintendent of Schools..." "Mr. Millbrandt asked if there was a deficiency."*
 - 4. Sentence beginning with "The Superintendent of Schools...." add the word "undesigned" and remove "and a deficiency of \$42,709."*
- Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.*

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to approve the minutes as amended dated 2-22-10 submitted by Catherine Schwenk, Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: Hodges, McDonald, Millbrandt

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings

Tuesday March 9, 2010: Election of Officers

Tuesday March 16, 2010: Annual District meeting at 7:30 pm. Location TBA

Monday March 22, 2010: Regular School Board Meeting at 7:30pm, Mason Elementary School Cafeteria

Action Items

Mr. Millbrandt asked Mike O'Neil to provide an account summary of the Activity Fund.

Public Communications

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Mrs. Ward of Valley Road asked if the District was going to review the Superintendent position being part time or full time and as a follow-up do we need a full time Superintendent and what is required by the state.

Wolfgang Millbrandt responded that the position of Superintendent is part-time. It just happens that one person occupies the position of Superintendent and Special Education Director. He explained that it is up to the Board to implement what is required from the state.

Mrs. Ward asked if the Superintendent is hired by the Board. Mr. Millbrandt said yes.

Mrs. Ward asked what are the requirements by the state.

Dr. Deborah Bemis responded that to be Superintendent you need three years experience of Administration, three recommendations from active Superintendents and there are 26 other criteria that can be found on the state web site.

Mr. Phalon asked where does the Board stand with the recommendations that Norman Tanguay made at the last meeting.

Mr. Millbrandt said that there are discrepancies in the report such as it did not say anything about SPED Director. Mr. Millbrandt said he contacted Milford and asked their opinion on how many days of SPED Director services does Mason need. Mr. Millbrandt said that Milford responded that Mason has the need for a SPED Director for two days per week.

Mrs. Phalon raised the issue of the Superintendent and SPED Director being filled by the same person.

Mr. Millbrandt responded that the Board will address issues as they arise.

Mrs. Phalon said that there are already real issues.

Mr. Millbrandt agreed and said we already have problems.

At this time Mary McDonald proposed that a motion be made to go into non-public session to discuss the non-renewal / renewal of the District Administrator contract. There was no second and it was decided that the Board would go into non-public after all reports have been given.

Mrs. Linda Lannin requested a non-public meeting with the School Board under RSA 91-A II. (c).

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to enter into non-public session at 7:50 pm for reasons that may adversely affect the reputation of any person per RSA 91-A:3II (c)., Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Those present were School Board members Dr. Donald Hodges, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Mary McDonald, Linda Lannin, and School Board Secretary Becky Partridge to record minutes.

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to enter into public session at 8:25pm, Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Mary McDonald to seal the minutes of non-public session referenced 03/08/10A, Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

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aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to enter into non-public session at 8:30 to review non-public minutes submitted by Mary McDonald, Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Those present were School Board members Dr. Donald Hodges, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Mary McDonald, and School Board Secretary Becky Partridge to record minutes.

Motion made by Wolfgang Millbrandt to enter into public session at 8:40 pm, Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Mary McDonald to approve the following non-public minutes submitted Mary McDonald: 02/22/2010A as amended, 02/25/2010A, and 03/03/2010A, Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Mary McDonald to seal the approve referenced non-public minutes: 02/22/2010A, 02/25/2010A, and 03/03/2010A, Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Superintendent's Report. Dr. Deborah Bemis:

Dr. Deborah Bemis told the School Board that after much work she and Mary McDonald were ready to distribute the School Annual Report for review. Mary McDonald requested that any edits that are required be submitted by Wednesday evening March 10, 2010. Distribution of the School District Annual Report will be at the Mason Town Meeting on Saturday March 13, 2010

Principal's Report, Mrs. Betty Mulrey:

Mrs. Mulrey reported that the staff will be trained in ICS, Universal Precautions, and Differentiated Instruction on the upcoming Staff Training Day, March 9, 2010. She also reported upcoming assemblies include karate and all school fitness. In addition, Donna Richardson will provide the students with a wildlife assembly that will include various pelts and skulls.

Business Manager, Mike O'Neil:

Mr. O'Neil submitted the treasurer's report in its new format. Mr. O'Neil submitted to the Board building checks and current manifest. It was noted that the Board signed said checks and manifest. Mr. O'Neil submitted to the Board a check for personal reimbursement to Dr. Deborah Bemis. It was noted that Mr. Millbrandt signed the check, Dr. Donald Hodges and Mrs. McDonald noted their disagreement with the signing of the

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check. Mr. O'Neil asked the Board if there could be pre-approval for cutting a check for the printing costs of the Annual Report.

Motion by Mary McDonald to pre-approve Mr. O'Neil to cut a check and Mrs. Wagoner to sign said check to cover the printing costs of the School District Annual Report not to exceed the budget line item for printing of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars), Seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges
nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Mr. Millbrandt asked if Mr. O'Neil could provide the Board with an accounting report of the Activity Fund. Mr. O'Neil said that he could provide such a report.

Committee Reports

Building Committee Report, Mr. Bob Hemmer:

Mr. Hemmer informed the Board that ventilation of the new building will begin Tuesday. Occupancy permit is expected for Friday March 12, 2010. It is scheduled that the first day for the students to be in the new section of the building will be Wednesday March 17, 1020. Once the students are in the new building the renovations to the current portion will begin. Mr. Bergeron informed the Board that the old roof has been replaced and that all sections of the building contain new roofing.

Curriculum Committee Report:

No Report

MESO Committee Report, Becky Partridge:

Mrs. Partridge informed the Board that MESO received confirmation from the State Attorney General's Office that the exemption they requested to remain a three member board as opposed to a five member board was accepted. She also informed them that they are now in Good Standing with the NH Charitable Trust Unit.

Technology Committee, Betty Mulrey:

Mrs. Mulrey informed the Board that the members of the committee have almost completed the report.

Safety Committee, Betty Mulrey:

Mrs. Mulrey informed the Board that the next step for the Safety Committee is to review what may be needed for the new addition.

New Business

No new Business.

Mrs. McDonald requested that the Board discuss with Dr. Bemis the non-renewal / renewal of her District Administration contract. Mrs. McDonald asked Dr. Bemis if she would like to remain in public session or go into non-public session to discuss this matter. Dr. Bemis responded that she would like to proceed in non-public.

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Motion by Mary McDonald to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3II (c) to discuss the non-renewal/ renewal of the District Administrator contract. seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

Discussion: Mr. Millbrandt said that he thought that this would be left up to the new board. Mrs. McDonald and Dr. Hodges responded that they believe that it is the responsibility of this Board.

aye: McDonald, Hodges

nay: none

Abstain: Millbrandt

Motion carried 2-0, 1 Abstention

Those present were School Board members Dr. Donald Hodges, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Mary McDonald, Dr. Deborah Bemis and School Board Secretary Becky Partridge to record minutes.

Motion by Dr. Donald Hodges to enter into public session at 10:05 p.m., seconded by Mary McDonald.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Dr. Donald Hodges to seal minutes of non-public session 03-08-2010C (reputation), seconded by Mary McDonald.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Dr. Donald Hodges that the current District Administrator contract is not appropriate for the position and shall not be renewed, Seconded by Mary McDonald.

aye: McDonald, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Mr. Millbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 pm, seconded by Dr. Hodges.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary