

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,
MASON NH SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 12, 2010**

A meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday, July 12, 2010 at approximately 7:50 p.m. at the Mason Elementary School Cafeteria, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

Chairperson Dr. Donald Hodges called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present: Bob Hemmer and Dr. Donald Hodges. Wolfgang Millbrandt joined the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Superintendent Jim McCormick, Secretary Becky Partridge, Moderator Catherine Schwenk, School Principal Betty Mulrey, Treasurer Sue Wagoner, and Brenda Wiley of Accukeep were present.

Recognition of Public

Refer to sign in sheet dated 07/12/10.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Bob Hemmer to approve minutes dated 6/28/2010 submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: Hodges, Hemmer
nay: none

Motion carried 2-0

Chairperson Dr. Hodges introduced Jim McCormick as the Mason School District Superintendent. Mr. McCormick extended his gratitude for the warm welcome.

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings

Monday July 26, 2010: Regular School Board Meeting at 7:45pm, MES Multi Purpose Room.

Public Communications

No public communication

Business Manager, Mike O'Neill:

Brenda Wiley on behalf of Mr. O'Neill submitted to the board the current manifest, building checks and payroll for signatures. It is noted that board members signed said documents.

Brenda Wiley on behalf of Mr. O'Neill submitted:

2009/2010 actual spending worksheet (Attachment 1);

Financial Recap Building Fund (Attachment 2);

Approximate Payment Schedule (attachment 3).

Superintendent's Report, Mr. McCormick:

Mr. McCormick informed the board that he met with town officials and teachers, he contacted NH DOE for re-certification of two teachers and he also contacted the NH School Administration Association for membership information. He is also scheduled to attend a workshop in August. He updated the board that contracts for the summer program are complete and that he will continue working on all other outstanding contracts. He is in the process of reviewing the finances of the district and he has contacted the state for the missing grant information. He intends to present to the board a revised parent / student handbook. At the next board meeting he will address Mr. Tanguay's report and the new state Bullying Law. He informed the board that he reviewed the punch list for the building. He also informed the board that he met with a potential candidate for the SPED Director position. He will be pursuing Medicaid reimbursement, as the district can receive funds as well as be eligible for more grants. He will

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be sending a letter to Mascenic and Milford and will meet with them as well. He informed the board that he had received a check from Milford reimbursing some tuition costs; he will follow up with why said student left Milford. He also informed the board that he had a request for home schooling.

Principal's Report, Mrs. Betty Mulrey:

Mrs. Mulrey informed the board that they are preparing for next year and she is working closely with Mr. McCormick. Mrs. Mulrey informed the board that they purchased new wood furniture for the Kindergarten room through the Kindergarten grant. Mrs. Mulrey informed the board that she and Mr. McCormick have prepared an updated prioritized list of items that they would like to purchase. Mr. McCormick presented to the board the prioritized list (Attachment 4). He noted that he is a fiscal conservative but feels very strongly that one needs a solid foundation. After a lengthy discussion two items were removed: US States Rug and Bean Bags. The request for seven digital cameras was decreased to two. Other items discussed at length were the server rack, portable air coolers, and library books and cases.

Motion by Bob Hemmer to accept Superintendent McCormick's recommendation for encumbering end of year funds, seconded Wolfgang Millbrandt

aye: Hemmer, Millbrandt, Hodges

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Mrs. Mulrey informed the board that she will be sending out a parent communication survey in the coming days.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Millbrandt inquired if the Technology Plan presented this evening was the same as last time. Mrs. McDonald informed the board that after consulting with the Superintendent it was decided that this plan accurately reflects what the building now has and that the plan can be changed in the future as needed. Mr. Millbrandt asked what this plan actually does. Mr. McCormick said that this plan leads to professional development in the classroom. Additionally, to receive some grants, a Technology Plan needs to be in place. Mr. McCormick stated that he feels the plan is excellent and would recommend it to the board.

Motion by Bob Hemmer to accept the Technology Plan submitted by the Technology Committee, seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: Hemmer, Hodges

nay: none

abstain: Millbrandt

Motion carried 2-0, 1- Abstention

Mrs. McDonald informed the board the only change that would occur would be on the cover page to update the Superintendent information.

Mrs. Phalon asked if the school calendar had been approved. Mr. McCormick said it had, however there was an error in the one that was filed with the state so he will be resubmitting.

New Business

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Mr. McCormick recommended to the board that MES hire MRI for \$19,200 per year and also service with Accukeep for \$26,000 per year. This would bring us in at \$6,800 under budget. Mr. Millbrandt requested that this be discussed in non-public; Mr. McCormick agreed.

Committee Reports

Building Committee Report, Mr. Fred Greenwood:

Mr. Greenwood informed the board that they are working closely with Sullivan to complete the punch list.

Curriculum Committee Report, Betty Mulrey:

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 15, 2010.

MESO Committee Report, Becky Partridge:

Mrs. Partridge informed the board that they are working on the amendments to the articles and after receiving approval of the amendments from the state they will re submit the 1023 form to the IRS.

Technology Committee:

Refer to Unfinished Business section.

Safety Committee, Betty Mulrey:

Mrs. Mulrey informed the board that the alarm system is in the process of being installed and emergency management vests will be order.

Administrative Staff Structuring Committee Report:

Mrs. McDonald told the board that two of the three positions targeted have been filled and that she proposes that any future hiring and firing be left to the Superintendent and that the committee be dissolved.

Motion by Bob Hemmer to dissolve the Administrative Staff Structuring Committee, seconded Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: Hemmer, Millbrandt, Hodges
nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Bob Hemmer to go into executive session at 9:30 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) hiring of public employee, seconded Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: Hemmer, Millbrandt, Hodges
nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Those present were Dr. Donald Hodges, Bob Hemmer, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Superintendent Jim McCormick and Secretary Becky Partridge.

Discussion:

- Hiring of MRI and Accukeep
- Candidate for SPED Director
- Review of sealed minutes

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Motion by Bob Hemmer to enter back into public session at 9:55 pm, seconded Wolfgang Millbrandt.

aye: Hemmer, Millbrandt, Hodges
nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Bob Hemmer to approve sealed non-public minutes dated 6/28/10 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded Wolfgang Millbrandt.

aye: Hemmer, Millbrandt, Hodges
nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Bob Hemmer to accept the recommendation from Superintendent McCormick to hire MRI for \$19,200 and Accukeep for \$26,000, seconded Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: Hemmer, Millbrandt, Hodges
nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Mr. Millbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm, seconded by Bob Hemmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary