

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,
MASON NH SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 4, 2010**

A meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday, October 4, 2010 at approximately 1950 h at the Mason Elementary School Multi-purpose room, 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: Wolfgang Millbrandt, Bob Hemmer, and Dr. Donald Hodges. Superintendent Jim McCormick, Secretary Becky Partridge, Moderator Catherine Schwenk, Treasurer Sue Wagoner, and Business Manager Brenda Wiley were present.

Recognition of Public

Refer to sign in sheet dated 10/4/10.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Bob Hemmer to approve minutes dated 9/27/2010 submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Wolfgang Millbrandt.

aye: Hodges, Millbrandt, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings

Monday October 18, 2010: Regular School Board Meeting at 1945 h, MES Multi Purpose Room
Monday November 1, 2010: Regular School Board Meeting at 1945 h, MES Multi Purpose Room
Monday November 22, 2010: Regular School Board Meeting at 1945 h, MES Multi Purpose Room
Monday December 6, 2010: Regular School Board Meeting at 1945 h, MES Multi Purpose Room
Monday December 20, 2010: Regular School Board Meeting at 1945 h, MES Multi Purpose Room

Public Communications

Bob Bergeron asked the board what progress has been made in retrieving the missing items from the prior Superintendent. Mr. McCormick stated that he has not heard from the attorney. Dr. Hodges stated that there are other avenues we can investigate in retrieving the items.

Business Manager, Mike O'Neill:

Mrs. Wiley submitted to the board for review and signatures the current manifest. It is noted that all members signed said manifest. Dr. Hodges asked if there was follow up on Mr. Millbrandt's concern over items not going out to bid. Mr. McCormick stated that no item was over \$5,000 (five thousand dollars). Mr. McCormick informed the board that the Pitney Bowes mailing machine has been returned and that the monthly fee will no longer appear on the manifest.

Superintendent's Report, Mr. McCormick:

- Attended school finance seminar
- SB2 schedule (attachment 1)
- Update on career ladder project-Ms. McDonough class will be hosting the first of many senior citizen lunch
- First round NWEA testing complete
- Selectmen did not want MES extra equipment
- Superintendent requests direction on the Stringed Orchestra Program

After a brief discussion the board voted to waive the facility use fee as a grandfathered program. Mr. McCormick informed the board that the music teacher would like to

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provide guitar lessons as part of the after school enrichment program. Mr. McCormick stated that he would have more information to present to the board at later meetings.

Motion by Bob Hemmer to waive the facility use fee for the Stringed Orchestra as a grandfathered program, seconded by Wolfgang Millbrandt

aye: Hodges, Millbrandt, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

- Mr. McCormick recommends that the school board approve the Special Education Policies and Procedure Manual

Motion by Bob Hemmer to accept the Special Education Policies and Procedure Manual as presented, seconded by Wolfgang Millbrandt.

aye: Hodges, Millbrandt, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

New Business

- Board goals for End of Year- Mr. McCormick stated that if the board would like input he would be able to help them prepare goals.
- Discussion on Budget

Mr. McCormick stated that approximately \$67,000 (sixty seven thousand dollars) will be returned to the tax payers. He informed the board that he believes that this budget year will be level with last year but that there are still variables such as health care and transportation. He stated to the board that he does not like the current budget format and will be changing it with the board's input.

- Dr. Hodges submitted to Mr. McCormick photographs that he requested of the Governor and Representative to be hung up in the school. Mr. Hemmer stated that he disagreed with hanging political photographs in the school. Moderator Schwenk informed the board that this has never been done in Mason. It was agreed upon that the photos would not be hung at this time.

Committee Reports

Building Committee Report, Fed Greenwood:

No Report

MESO Committee Report, Becky Partridge:

No Report

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to enter into executive session at 2035 h. per RSA 91-A:3 II. (b) hiring of any person as a public employee and (e) negotiations of pending claims or litigations, seconded by Bob Hemmer

aye: Hodges, Millbrandt, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

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

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Discussion:

- Discuss pending claims and litigation
- Hiring of Guidance Counselor

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to enter back into public session at 2050 h., seconded by Bob Hemmer

aye: Hodges, Millbrandt, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Wolfgang Millbrandt to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to enter into a contract with Emily Daniels as Guidance Counselor for 2010/2011, seconded by Bob Hemmer

aye: Hodges, Millbrandt, Hemmer

nay: none

Motion carried 3-0

Wolfgang Millbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting at 2055 h, seconded by Bob Hemmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary