

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING,
MASON NH SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 10, 2011**

The public budget hearing of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday, January 10, 2011 at approximately 1945h in 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: Bob Hemmer, Wolfgang Millbrandt, and Dr. Donald Hodges.

Superintendent Jim McCormick, Secretary Becky Partridge, Treasurer Sue Wagoner, Business Manager Brenda Wiley, Mike O'Neill of MRI, School Principal Betty Mulrey and Moderator Catherine Schwenk were present.

Recognition of Public

Refer to sign in sheet 1-10-11 for signatures: Bob Bergeron, Fred Greenwood, John Lewicke, Jeannine Phalon, Jeff Messer, Barbara Milkovits, Marty Milkovits, Barbara Devore, and Nancy Richards.

Announcements of Next Scheduled Budget Hearing

Saturday February 5, 2011-Deliberative Session at 0900h, MES Multi-Purpose Room

Tuesday March 8, 2011-Election and Voting on School District Warrant, Mason Town Hall

Superintendent Mr. McCormick informed the public that this budget is a zero base budget meaning that there would be no increase from last year.

Mr. Mike O'Neill from MRI presented a budget packet which included 2011 schedule, enrollment projection, proposed budget allocation pie graph, FY 2012 budget recap, 2012 proposed budget, tax rate impact, draft default budget, and draft of the Warrants. (refer to attachment #1)

After reviewing all sheets questions were entertained.

Mr. Lewicke proposed that on the budget sheet that there would also be a column for "actual" spending not just "approved". Mr. McCormick stated that he will look into that however for this year it might be confusing due to the amount of line items that were moved to where they belonged. However he stated that next year it would be more practical.

John Lewicke stated that he would also like to know our SAU costs now vs. what they were and would have been if we had not withdrawn. Mr. McCormick stated that he could separate out our SAU costs for the next meeting.

Ms. Devore asked if the Education Jobs Fund stated on the tax rate impact sheet was the money that the state had found and would it be a one time grant. Mr. O'Neill stated that the state found money and divided it up among districts and that it would be a one time grant.

Mr. Fletcher asked what impact does the default have on the tax rate. Mr. O'Neill stated that there would be approximately a \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) reduction.

Bob Hemmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2125 h, seconded by Wolfgang Millbrandt.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary