

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,
MASON NH SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 28, 2011**

A regular meetings of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at approximately 1945h in the Mason Elementary School Multi-Purpose room, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

Superintendent Jim McCormick, School Board Members: Robert Doyle, John Diefenbach, and Stephanie Syre-Hager, Robert Hemmer, Dr. Donald Hodges, Secretary Becky Partridge, Treasurer Sue Wagoner, Business Manager Brenda Wiley, MES Principal Betty Mulrey, Student Service Teacher Sue Rysnik, and Moderator Catherine Schwenk were present.

Recognition of Public

Refer to sign in sheet 3-28-11 for signatures: Bob Bergeron, Jeannine Phalon

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Robert Doyle to approve minutes dated 3/14/2011 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by John Diefenbach

aye: Hodges, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager
nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings

Monday April 11, 2011: Regular School Board Meeting at 1945h, MES Multi-Purpose Room

Monday May 9, 2011: Regular School Board Meeting at 1945h, MES Multi-Purpose Room

Discussion occurred regarding the cancellation of the scheduled meeting on April 25, 2011 due to school vacation that week.

Motion by Robert Doyle to cancel the scheduled meeting on April 25, 2011 and have a minimum of three board members come to the school during school hours and sign the manifest and payroll on April 22, 2011, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager

aye: Hodges, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager
nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

It was agreed that Robert Doyle, John Diefenbach, Stephanie Syre-Hager, and Bob Hemmer would come to the school and sign said documents.

Public Communications

no public communication

Business Manager:

Brenda Wiley submitted the manifest and payroll for approval and signatures. It is noted that board members signed said documents.

Mrs. Wagoner submitted bank signature card documentation for signatures. It is noted that board members signed said document.

Mr. Hemmer asked why the MRI invoices were so large. Mr. McCormick informed the board that Mr. O'Neill had been doing a lot of work on grants.

Superintendent's Report- Mr. McCormick

- Final School Board Meeting calendar (attachment 1)

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- Sent in state required documents and waivers for building
- Met with staff and reviewed position status and expectations for the future
- Title 1 help began for Math
- Title 1 parents night-March 24-Betty held a power point presentation: went well
- Reviewing restructuring lunch and recess for next year
- Discussing sustained silent reading time for next year-immediately following recess
- Met with outside agency to discuss speech / language services for next year
- Discussed summer learning programs
- Paper retrieval bin always full-great community support
- Collection of Capri Sun going well
- Mike O'Neill will be delivering letter from Ed Murdow to state regarding building
- All exterior doors have been numbered per letter from Police Chief Barry Hutchinson for school safety
- State visit to school on April 12, 2011- interviewing teachers and reviewing curriculum
- Waiting for financial audit report
- State SPED review

New Business

- Superintendent recommends the school board accept a \$100.00 donation from Wolfgang Millbrandt in lieu of stipend. Mr. Hemmer asked how to request his stipend in order to donate. Mrs. Wiley informed them that they just need to forward a letter requesting it.

Motion by Dr. Donald Hodges to accept a donation of \$100.00 from Wolfgang Millbrandt in lieu of his stipend, seconded by Robert Doyle

aye: Hodges, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Hemmer reminded the school board that if anyone contacts them (i.e. media) they are to direct the calls to him since he is the Chairperson of the board.

Unfinished Business:

- Superintendent recommends approval of option #2 for the MES District Calendar for school year 2011-2012. (attachment #2)

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of option #2 for school calendar 2011-2012, seconded by John Diefenbach.

aye: Hodges, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

- Second reading and approval of Bullying Policy

Discussion: Dr. Hodges expressed his concern that the policy states that we take our authority from the state and not ourselves, he also has problems with the "imbalance of power" language. Mr. McCormick explained that what is in the policy is state law and the district has no authority to change some of the language. Mr. Hemmer stated that Emily Daniels and himself attend the state bullying symposium and at the symposium MES policy was used as an example of a great policy. Mr. Hemmer and Mr. Doyle both stated that they would like to see more to the policy in the future however this is a good start.

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Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the reviewed Bully Prevention Policy and its' corresponding forms to replace the current MES Bully Prevention Policy and forms, seconded by John Diefenbach

aye: Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Abstain: Hodges

Motion carried 4-0, 1-Abstention

- Second reading and approval of Truancy Policy

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the reviewed Truancy Policy and replace the current MES Truancy Policy, seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: Hodges, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

- Second reading and approval of Service Animal Policy

Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the Service Animal Policy, seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

aye: Hodges, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed upon by the majority of the board to continue with the Substitute Policy we currently have and rely on the Superintendents judgment. It was agreed upon that Mr. McCormick will provide the board with the list of qualified substitutes on a quarterly basis.

Committee Reports

Building Committee Report, Bob Hemmer:

Mr. Hemmer informed the board that there is no new news regarding the building except that Mr. Murdow has all documents and is in the process of reviewing them.

Motion by Dr. Donald Hodges to enter into executive session at 2120 h. per RSA 91-A:3 II. (a) dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee, seconded by Robert Doyle.

aye: Hodges, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Those present were Dr. Donald Hodges, Bob Hemmer, Robert Doyle, John Diefenbach, Stephanie Syre-Hager, Superintendent Jim McCormick, and Secretary Becky Partridge.

Discussion:

- teacher compensation

Motion by John Diefenbach to enter back into public session at 2140h, seconded by Robert Doyle

aye: Hodges, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Sire-Hager

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by John Diefenbach to accept the Superintendent's recommendations of Para professional and support staff compensation, seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.

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aye: Hodges, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager
nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Robert Doyle to approve executive session minutes dated 03-14-11 submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges

aye: Hodges, Hemmer, Doyle, Diefenbach, Syre-Hager
nay: none

Motion carried 5-0

Bob Hemmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2145 h, seconded by Robert Doyle.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge
School Board Secretary