

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,  
MASON NH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOVEMBER 28, 2011**

A regular scheduled meeting of the Mason NH School District was held on Monday November 28, 2011 at approximately 1900h in the Mason Elementary School Multi-Purpose room, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

**Recognition of Public**

Refer to sign in sheet: Barbara DeVore, Nancy Richards, Bob Bergeron, Jeannine Phalon, Harry Spear, Garth Fletcher

**Roll Call:**

Superintendent Jim McCormick, School Board Members: Chairperson Bob Hemmer, Robert Doyle, Stephanie Syre-Hager, John Diefenbach, Secretary Becky Partridge, Moderator Catherine Schwenk, Treasurer Sue Wagoner, and Business Manager Brenda Wiley were present. Absent: Vice Chair person Dr. Donald Hodges

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Motion by Robert Doyle to approve minutes dated 11/14/2011 as submitted by Becky Partridge, seconded by John Diefenbach*

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

**Motion carried 4-0**

**Announcements of Next Scheduled Meetings**

Monday December 12, 2011: Regular School Board Meeting at 1900h, MES Multi-Purpose Room

**Public Communications:**

Ms. Devore informed the board that she has heard several complaints regarding the lack of PR surrounding the school and the towns people being uninformed about what is going on in the district. After a lengthy discussion Mr. McCormick stated that he would become more involved in the PR of the district and that he will also speak with Principal Wyman regarding the issue.

**Business Manager:**

Brenda Wiley submitted current manifest and payroll. It is noted that present board members signed current manifest and payroll sheet.

**Superintendent's Report- Mr. McCormick:**

- All documents required by the state are complete
- Professional Development Master Plan Committee being formed
- Homes for Sale in district – 25 houses, 10 building lots
- Cafeteria sales down however profit margin remains the same since the amount of food being prepared is less

**New Business:**

- Superintendent recommends acceptance of computers from Karen Trundle of Vertex Pharmaceuticals

*Motion by Robert Doyle to accept the computers from Karen Trundle of Vertex Pharmaceuticals, seconded by John Diefenbach*

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

**Motion carried 4-0**

**Policies:**

none

Dr. Donald Hodges joined the meeting at 1940h

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**Unfinished Business:**

- School Board budget feedback

Mr. Doyle stated that he could not support a full day Kindergarten at this time. Mrs. Syre – Hager agreed although as an educator she has seen the benefits of full day but not in this economic climate. Mr. Hemmer agreed that full day is not right at this time. Dr. Donald Hodges disagreed and stated that we can not put a cost to the benefit of full day Kindergarten. Many people in the public spook and agreed that full day Kindergarten is not wanted at this time.

*Motion by Robert Doyle to adjust the budget to reflect half day Kindergarten, seconded by John Diefenbach*

aye: Syre-Hager, Doyle, Diefenbach, Hemmer

nay: Hodges

**Motion carried 5-1**

Mr. Doyle asked for clarification of General Supplies line items. After some discussion Mr. McCormick stated that he would get some back up information on general supply / paper use.

Mr. Doyle asked for clarification on line items for Dues and Fees. Ms. Wiley explained those line items are for annual fees such as Nurse Association and Superintendent Association .

Mr. Doyle asked for clarification on Tuition Reimbursement and Career Ladder stipends. Mr. McCormick explained that the Career Ladder Reimbursements are for the after school programs such as Legos and Drama. The tuition Reimbursement is for approved course work.

Mr. Doyle asked what the line item for equipment costs may cover. Mr. McCormick stated that at this time that line item is "just in case".

Mr. Garth Fletcher asked if he could have a copy of the draft budget. Mr. McCormick said that he could get him a file.

Mr. Doyle stated that he would like to see a process where before the agenda is posted board members can request items to be placed on the agenda. Mr. McCormick stated that that can be done.

- Mason School District Meeting Schedule (attachment 1)

*Motion by Robert Doyle to accept 2012 Mason School District Meeting Calendar as submitted by Moderator Catherine Schwenk, seconded by John Diefenbach*

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

nay: none

**Motion carried 5-0**

**Committee Reports:**

None

Superintendent requests Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3 II. (a) dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee and (e) negotiation of pending claims and litigation

*Motion by Robert Doyle to enter into Non-Public Session at 2025h under RSA 91-A: 3 II. (a) dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee and (e) negotiation of pending claims and litigation, seconded by Dr. Donald Hodges.*

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

nay: none

**Motion carried 5-0**

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

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**Discussion:**

- (a) dismissal, promotion or compensation of employee
- (e) pending claims or litigation

*Motion by Robert Doyle to enter back into Public Session at 2035h, seconded by Stephanie Syre-Hager,  
aye: Hemmer, Syre-Hager, Doyle, Hodges, Diefenbach  
nay: none*

**Motion carried 5-0**

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

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

**Motion carried 5-0**

*Motion by Dr. Donald Hodges to accept Guidance Counselor Emily Daniels as an employee of the district in  
accordance with all state laws, seconded by John Diefenbach*

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

**Motion carried 5-0**

Bob Hemmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2045 h, seconded by Robert Doyle.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Partridge  
School Board Secretary