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**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
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**Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Phyllis Peterson, Winston Wright, Nicholas Mosher, Brian Bohannon, Betty Tatro, Rob Colbert, Bob Mitchell, Neil Moriarty, Eric Stanley, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Lisa Steadman and Scott Peters.

**Administration present:** L. Witte, Superintendent and J. Rathbun, Director of Curriculum.

**Also present:** L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary, Justin, Student Government Rep and Talee, Student Government Rep.

**“We collaborate not just to teach, but also to engage and educate every student in our district in an environment that is challenging, caring and safe, while fostering life-long learning.**

**1. Non-Public Session:**

**a. Under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation.**

**2. Public Session: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to seal the December 5, 2017 6:15 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes. **SECOND:** B. Mitchell. **VOTE:** 10.757/0/0/2.243. **Motion passes.**

**3. Public Comments:** A. Bailey asked about the deadline for a petitioned warrant article and who do you contact to have a petitioned article on the warrant. He also said he will be placing a petitioned warrant article on the ballot regarding the formula.

**a. Student Representative Report:** Talee read a letter she and Justin prepared. They said after they give their report to the Board they would like to be dismissed. She said she does not feel comfortable staying at the meetings. It is a hostile environment. A lot more could be accomplished if the Board would get along. She would suggest the Board speak on behalf of the students and put their differences aside.

Justin reported there will be a pep rally on Friday. The Christmas Concert will take place this weekend.

**4. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:**

**a. SB-193 Advocacy in Opposition-Superintendent:** L. Witte presented her letter in which she would like to submit to the NH House of Representatives and have the full support of the Board regarding SB-193. She would like to present this on behalf of herself and the Board. **MOTION:** B. Mitchell **MOVED** to endorse the position of Superintendent Witte regarding SB-193 and allow her to present the letter to the NH House of Representatives with support of the Board. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10/0/.757/2.243. **Motion passes.**

**Public Information Sessions: Apportionment Formula:** L. Steadman asked if the Board would like to host a few information meetings regarding the apportionment. The Board does not wish to hold public information sessions.

## **5. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**

**a. Board Chair Report:** L. Steadman said she understands the sentiments of the students. We are very visible in the district. The whole Dude Be Nice theme involves us. She hopes Talee and Justin will stay for the meetings soon.

### **b. Superintendent's Report:**

**i. SAU 29 start time/impact on our students attending CCC/Board Action?** SAU 29 is investigating having the high school students start school at a later time. J. Rathbun explained he had attended the discussion at SAU 29. He said there is research out there to support this. The CCC and bussing would have an impact. The Keene School District is also looking at an hour's schedule. L. Witte explained there are a lot of moving parts but due to the CCC we need to be a part of the discussion.

L. Witte passed out the fundraiser calendar.

### **c. Business Administrator's Report:**

**i.** The contracts for the Bus Company have been finalized except for Special Ed. bussing. The contracts should be done by Christmas.

### **d. Committee Reports:**

#### **i. Extracurricular:**

**1. Recommendation on motion to Award All-State Band Achievement:** **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** on behalf of the Extra-Curricular Committee moving forward to recognize All-State Students through banners and individual banners: first team, second team and honorable mention. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **DISCUSSION:** S. Peters said the committee discussed ways to recognize the individual student in sports and the arts. The committee came up with the idea of the banners which will be in the gymnasium and possibly also in the auditorium. **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**

**ii. Policy Committee:** The Policy Committee has presented three policies for a first read Policy ILDA-Non-Instructional Questionnaires, Surveys and Research, Policy JLCC-Communicable Disease and Policy ECAD-Playground Policy.

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The committee will receive any questions at the next meeting and hopefully vote on the policies.

**e. Other**

**i. Review of Professional Services Contracted by the District:** L.

Witte asked R. Colbert what he is looking for. He would like to review the professional services of the attorney, auditor and all outside contractors. How are they reviewed, renewed, who hires them, more clarification, more discussion and do they have a retainer. **The Board recessed for 3 minutes.**

**ii. Continued discussion on Troy/Emerson Reconfiguration:** L. Witte

informed the Board she has not received the assessment and evaluation for Emerson and the MS/HS. It was asked to have a deadline to make a decision on the reconfiguration for next year. It was suggested to have D. LaPointe in this conversation.

**iii. Discussion on Services for Exceptional Students:** The Education

Committee will be discussing services for exceptional students at their next meeting.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the 2017-2018 Manifest in the amount of \$ 1,840,545.03. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 10.544/0/.214/2.243. **Motion passes.**

**b. Approval of the November 4, 2017 School Board/Budget Committee Joint Session Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve the November 4, 2017 School Board/Budget Committee Session Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 6.766/0/3.992/2.24. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the November 21, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 10.124/0/1.755/2.243. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the November 21, 2017 School Board Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **VOTE:** 9.002/0/1.755/2.243. **Motion passes.**

**7. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

- 1. Troy and Emerson consolidation**
- 2. Warrant Article Review**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no Public Comments.

**B. Bohannon arrives.**

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9. **7:50 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Setting compensation for a public employee. **SECOND:** R. Colbert **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes. E. Stanley arrives during non-public session.**
10. **8:26 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II ( c ) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person unless such person requests an open meeting; however, this cannot be used to protect a person who is a member of your Board, Committee or Subcommittee. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**
11. **Public Session: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to seal the December 5, 2017, 7:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes indefinitely. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.712/1.075/.214/0. **Motion passes.**
- MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to ratify the proposed contract for the Specialists. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** P. Peterson-yes, W. Wright-yes, K. Wheeler-abstain, N. Moriarty-yes, N. Mosher-yes, B. Bohannon-yes, C. McDaniel-Thomas-yes, B. Mitchell-yes, R. Colbert-yes, E. Stanley-yes, L. Steadman-yes, B. Tatro-yes and S. Peters-yes. 12.243/0/.757/0. **Motion passes.**
- MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to ratify the proposed contract for the MDEA. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** R. Colbert has serious reservations for a 1-year contract. N. Moriarty commented on the insurance pool and asked the status of it. He said any litigation should be settled, if there are any outstanding issues they need to be settled. The insurance pool could be in the favor of the teachers. **VOTE:** P. Peterson-yes, W. Wright-yes, K. Wheeler-abstain, N. Moriarty-no, N. Mosher-no, B. Bohannon-yes, C. McDaniel-Thomas-yes, B. Mitchell-yes, R. Colbert-yes, E. Stanley-yes, L. Steadman-yes, B. Tatro-yes and S. Peters-yes. 10.955/1.288/.757/0. **Motion passes.**
12. **Adjournment: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:35 PM. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary