

February 20, 2018

**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, Betty Tatro, Rob Colbert, Bob Mitchell, Karen Wheeler, Scott Peters, Neil Moriarty, Lisa Steadman and Brian Bohannon. **Absent:** Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas and Eric Stanley.

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

Also present: L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

“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. Public Comments:

a. Guidelines for Public Comments (BEDH Public Participation at Board Meetings): L. Steadman explained Policy BEDH is in the Board packet. She explained the Board has set aside 15 minutes for Public comments. Each person will be allowed to speak for 3 minutes’ time maybe extended when fewer people are asking to speak.

b. Student Representative Report: There is no report.

2. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

a. Board Chair Report:

i. School Board Self-Assessment: L. Steadman asked if the Board Members would be doing the Self-Assessments. She said she feels this is a good idea. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

ii. Open Seats on Board and Budget Committee: L. Steadman reviewed the seats on the Board and the Budget Committee which are open for the next election. She said it would be great to have a member from each town represented on both committees. *S. Peters arrives.*

iii. Update on Board/Budget Committee Joint Meeting on Physical Plant-3/27/2018 6:30 PM: N. Moriarty feels that this meeting is premature. He feels that

we do not have the information. He gave a list of items he felt the committees needed before the discussion. L. Steadman said it will be 25 people coming up with a list of items. N. Moriarty said it is too early.

- 1. 2003/04 Warrant-Bond Article for New School**
- 2. 2015 NESDEC Study-Recommendations**
- 3. HL Turner Building Assessments-Cost Estimates: L.**

Steadman explained the three items listed above are in the Board packets and are important documents for the joint meeting.

b. Superintendent's Report:

i. Letter to the Editor: There is a letter to the Editor in the Board packet.

ii. NEASC Report: L. Spencer reported on the NEASC Report. The report is 101 pages and contains the standards in which the District gets judged on. She said there is nothing in the report that is a surprise. There is no executive summary or conclusion. She put all the commendations and recommendations in Google and will ask the staff to look at them and rank. L. Witte explained there will be a 2 year, 5 year and 7 year update required on the progress. She also said there is nothing surprising in the report. It is a very positive report.

iii. Special Education Compliance Update: L. Witte explained the District has been notified that they are in compliance status regarding Indicator 11. This reflects the good work we have done. R. Colbert would like to commend C. Woods and her staff.

iv. Troy ACES Update-Jody Peters: Jody Peters introduced herself as the new Director of the ACES Program. She explained the Cutler Program is open and the Troy Program will be open on Monday. She explained the times in which the programs are open and the different activities that go on. She said most of the clubs are based on STEAM. There are about 100 students involved in the program.

v. AASA National Conference Report: L. Witte reported on her trip to a Nashville for the AASA National Conference. The founder of Kahn Academy was in attendance.

MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to allow the overnight field trip for the Key Club to the Leadership Conference on April 6, 2018-April 8, 2018. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler. **VOTE:** 10.757/0/0/2.243. **Motion passes.**

c. Business Administrator's Report:

i. Search Update: L. Witte reported the committee has met and interviews have been done. She should have a candidate to bring to the Board at the next meeting.

d. Committee Reports:

i. Education Committee: B. Tatro reported they did not have a quorum. The Homework Committee conducted a survey. The Education Committee wanted more feedback and will then send it to Policy. This is priority for next year. A. Saulzman is in charge of the Teacher Evaluation Committee.

ii. Finance/Facilities: K. Wheeler explained the committee will meet again in April.

iii. Policy Committee: The Policy committee will meet Feb. 27, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

e. Other Matters of Discussion:

i. Results of the Deliberative Session: The only Article to change was the Maintenance Article. Some repairs to Troy were added.

ii. Age of Some Machinery in Trades Classes: R. Colbert said he toured the Trades Classes and as he walked through saw that many of the machines had not been updated. He asked if there is a plan to update courses or the machines. Are we paying enough attention to the trades? J. Rathbun said he spoke to R. Fabianski and he said he would like to see two of the machines gone. L. Steadman asked if the machines are duplicated at the CCC. N. Mosher is concerned with the gas line in the shop. L. Witte will ask D. LaPointe about the lines. W. Wright said we need to look at what the CCC is doing in the future. R. Colbert asked the number of students in the trades classes. N. Moriarty said they are limited due to the number of machines. J. Rathbun will let L. Witte know the cost to remove the machines.

iii. Google Messages: N. Moriarty said the problem has been solved.

iv. Terms for Board Members: L. Witte said all three year terms have been filed. The two year terms are still open.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the Manifest in the amount of \$ 1,177,246.52. **SECOND:** N. Moriarty **VOTE:** 10.757/0/0/2.243. **Motion passes.**

b. Approval of the January 8, 2018 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the January 8, 2018 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 9.759/0/.988/2.243. **Motion passes.**

c. Approval of the January 18, 2018 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the January 18, 2018 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **VOTE:** 10.757/0/0/2.243. **Motion passes.**

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d. Approval of the January 18, 2018 School Board Non-Public Meeting Minutes: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the January 18, 2018 School Board Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **VOTE:** 10.00/0/.757/2.243. **Motion passes.**

e. Approval of the February 3, 2018 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the February 3, 2018 School Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 8.471/0/2.287/2.243. **Motion passes.**

f. Approval of the February 3, 2018 Sealed School Board Non-Public Meeting Minutes: MOTION: B. Bohannon **MOVED** to approve the February 3, 2018 Sealed Non-Public Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 8.471/0/2.287/2.243. **Motion passes.**

5. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- 1. Machines**
- 2. Review of Safety Policies**
- 3. CCC**
- 4. Answer on the gas line**
- 5. CCC Contract**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no Public Comments.

7. 8:08 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:** B. Mitchell **VOTE:** 10.757/0/0/2.243. **Motion passes.**

8. Public Session: MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to seal the February 20, 2018, 8:08 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes until potential litigation is concluded. **SECOND:** N. Mosher **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

9. Adjournment: MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:30 PM. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary