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**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2018 (corrected)
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, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Lisa Steadman.

Absent: Eric Stanley and Brian Bohannon.

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: There are no comments.

a. Student Representative Report: There is no report.

2. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

a. Purchase of new scoreboards/sponsorship: S. Peters explained the Extra-Curricular committee is looking for input from the Board regarding finding sponsorship for the repairs to the scoreboards and placing the sponsor’s logo on the scoreboards. L. Witte and T. Cote are still gathering information on the cost of the scoreboards. We do not have a Board policy on sponsorship. The Board will investigate to see if there is a Board policy on sponsorship. It was suggested to send this issue to Policy. S. Peters commented the committee is looking for the Board’s blessing. This is not a pressing matter. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to give the Extra-Curricular Committee the Board’s blessing for advertising on the scoreboards contingent upon review of a policy. **SECOND:** R. Colbert. **DISCUSSION:** W. Wright is against the motion because of one sponsor being on the scoreboards forever. **B. Bohannon arrives. VOTE:** 8.307/1.115/1.335/2.243. **Motion passes.**

b. Warrant Article Review:

i. Revised List including MESSA:

ii. Board Supports/Does Not Support: L. Steadman reviewed the proposed warrant articles. Article One is the proposed budget. The default number has not been decided by the Budget Committee as of yet. Article Two is for renovations to MTC in the amount of 1.4 million. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to support Article Two renovations to MTC in the amount of 1.4 million. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.** Article Three is for maintenance items in the District in the amount of \$210,000.00. **MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to support Article Three maintenance items in the District in the amount of \$210,000.00. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 10.881/0/998/1.121. **Motion passes.** Article Four

is the Special Education Expendable Trust in the amount of \$1.00. The \$1.00 amount is to keep this on the ballot just in case a situation arises and it could be increased at the Deliberative Session. Any amount will come from a surplus if any. **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to support Article Four Special Education Expendable Trust in the amount of \$1.00. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.** Article Five is the Specialists Contract. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to support Article Five the Specialists Contract. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.** Article Six is the MDEA Contract. **MOTION:** B. Tatro. **MOVED** to support Article Six the MDEA Contract. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 10.590/1.075/.214/1.121. **Motion passes.** Article Seven is a place holder for the MESSA contract when ratified. Article Eight is to listen to opinions. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to support Article Eight listen to opinions. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

c. Continues Discussion on Troy/Emerson Reconfiguration:

i. Motion to Study a Specific Configuration: **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to study a specific configuration of Troy and Emerson Pre K-2 or 3 and 3or 4 -6. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **DISCUSSION:** L. Steadman asked B. Tatro to be more specific. B. Tatro said she would like to hear from K. Stone. He said PreK-3 at one school and 4-6 at another. That is his recommendation. B. Bohannon would support the recommendation of the administrator. L. Steadman asked what are we trying to accomplish here. B. Bohannon said we are leveling the class size. N. Moriarty said class size is going down. L. Steadman said kindergarten and first grade have large class sizes. P. Peterson said it is premature to set up a class size reconfiguration we need a study. W. Wright commented that the District paid for the NESDEC study. B. Tatro said a benefit of reconfiguration is the collaboration among staff. It was explained this reconfiguration could begin the next school year. D. LaPointe said there is not much to do regarding the buildings. **MOTION:** to study a specific configuration of Pre K-2 and 3-6 at Emerson and Troy. **VOTE:** P. Peterson-yes, W. Wright-yes, K. Wheeler-abstain, N. Moriarty-no, N. Mosher-abstain, B. Bohannon-yes, C. McDaniel-Thomas-yes, B. Mitchell-yes, R. Colbert-yes, B. Tatro-yes, S. Peters-yes, L. Steadman-yes. 9.8/1.075/.971/1.121. **Motion passes.**

1. Assign Stakeholder Liaison

- a. Facilities-L. Steadman**
- b. 1st Student-L. Witte**
- c. Unions-L. Steadman**
- d. Troy-Emerson Administration-L. Steadman**
- e. Troy-Emerson Staff-S. Peters**
- f. Parents/Students-P. Peterson**
- g. Taxpayers/Selectmen in Troy/Fitzwilliam-W.Wright**

MOTION: C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to support the assignments of the stakeholder liaisons. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **DISCUSSION:** W. Wright explained W. Martel from the Budget Committee would like to be involved in this issue and would like to have her help him with the taxpayers and select boards discussions. L. Steadman said it is no problem having the help of W. Martel. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

2. Assign Task-Gather Pros and Cons for next Board Meeting L. Steadman said the goal is to bring back high level pros and cons to the next Board meeting regarding the reconfiguration.

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3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

a. Board Chair Report:

i. Setting Board Agendas-Policy BEDB: N. Moriarty asked why change Policy BEDB. L. Steadman would like to ask the Policy Committee to discuss Policy BEDB-Agenda Preparation and Dissemination.

ii. NHSBA Delegate Assembly

1. Request Review of Proposed Resolutions: L. Steadman had previously presented the list of resolutions and is asking the Board to let her know how they feel about the resolutions.

2. Alternative Delegate: L. Steadman would like to appoint an alternate to the Delegate Assembly just in case she is not able to attend. **MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to appoint W. Wright as a backup to the Delegate Assembly. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.** S. Peters would like to have the Board receive feedback prior to the Delegate Assembly if not it would be a personal opinion and not the opinion of the Board. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to ask the Board to provide feedback on the resolutions for the next Board Meeting and have this on the next Board agenda. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.** W. Wright said this Board has proposed resolutions in the past. L. Steadman said the deadline was in November.

L. Steadman would ask the Board to suspend Policy BGF. There may be a snow day and by suspending the Policy this would allow the Negotiating Team to meet. **MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to suspend Policy BGF in order to allow the Negotiating Team to meet on a snow day. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** It was asked who was on the team and Union in regards to traveling to the meeting. B. Mitchell said this is negotiations and is in non-public there is no public participation. B. Tatro said it is not a public meeting. K. Wheeler was concerned if someone was not able to attend and wanted to. **MOTION:** K. Wheeler **MOVED** to amend the motion and if any person on any side cannot attend do not hold the meeting. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **DISCUSSION:** B. Mitchell said based upon the meeting members everyone will attend. There is no need for constraints. R. Colbert suggested a conference call if allowed in non-public. **VOTE on amendment:** 6.311/3.241/2.327/1.121. **Motion passes. VOTE on amended motion:** 10.757/0/1.121/1.121. **Motion passes.**

b. Superintendent's Report:

i. ACES Update-J. Rathbun: J. Rathbun updated the Board on the ACES Programs. He explained Cutler is up and running. The Back to Basics Program is going well. Troy is ready to go but we do not have the required staff. The staff will have to have specific college requirements to work in the program. J. Rathbun said the positions are posted on School Spring. B. Tatro suggested looking at the substitute list for people to fill the positions.

N. Moriarty said there are two major financial mistakes we need an answer for. L. Witte will answer his questions in non-public.

c. Business Administrator's Report:

i. There is no report.

d. Committee Reports:

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i. Community Relations Committee: C. McDaniel-Thomas explained the committee met and discussed the warrant articles in plain English. The committee will also meet directly after the Deliberative session to make changes. The committee would also like to schedule their upcoming meetings in Troy and Emerson and extend Public comments if anyone would like to discuss the reconfiguration issue. They also discussed a press release regarding academic achievement, special ed. costs among other items.

e. Work to Rule: It is not appropriate to speak in Public Session. This discussion should take place in non-public. It was explained Work to Rule is when the teachers will only work the hours they have been hired for. It was commented the student performances have already been moved to the day instead of night performances. M. Szymcik said the Union is not implementing the Work to Rule. L. Steadman said if no Work to Rule then why no concerts at night. We will set up a non-public to discuss.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the Manifest in the amount of \$ 1,435,241.64. **SECOND:** S. Peters **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

b. Approval of the December 19, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the December 19, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **DISCUSSION: MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to strike all motions made by the Chair L. Steadman. **No Second.** R. Colbert had asked to have D. LaPointe available at this meeting in order to discuss the evaluation and assessments of the buildings. He is not present. R. Colbert questioned the minutes regarding the reconfiguration and the evaluation and assessment of the buildings conversation. C. McDaniel-Thomas said the minutes reflect what happened. L. Steadman also agreed. R. Colbert did not want to change the minutes but wanted to have D. LaPointe present for a discussion. L. Steadman said it was an oversight. R. Colbert would like an in-depth conversation on the plant needs for the next Board Meeting. **VOTE:** 4.576/1.075/6.228/1.121. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the December 19, 2017 School Board Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 10.124/0/1.755/1.121. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the Sealed December 5, 2017 Non-Public Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the 8:30 PM Sealed December 19, 2017 Non-Public Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **DISCUSSION: MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to table the motion until additional information. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve the 9:00 PM Sealed December 19, 2017 Non-Public Board Meeting minutes as presented. **SECOND:** R. Colbert. **VOTE:** 9.910/.214/1.755/1.121. **Motion passes.**

5. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

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1. **Troy and Emerson consolidation**
2. **Evaluation and Assessments**
3. **Work to Rule Non-Public**
4. **Business Administrator status**
5. **Google Meeting notification**
6. **Supt. Reach out to Saint Joseph**
7. **Student Enrichment**

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

The Board will recess.

7. **8:40 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** N. Mosher **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:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
8. **Public Session: MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to seal the January 2, 2018, 8:40 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes indefinitely and to review at the end of the school year. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
9. **Adjournment: MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:57 PM. **SECOND:** 10.804/0/0/2.196 **VOTE:** . **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary