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Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
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Gilsum STEAM Academy, Gilsum, NH

Members Present: Phyllis Peterson, Scott Peters, Winston Wright, Nicholas Mosher, Mike Blair, Lisa Steadman, Karen Wheeler, Robert Colbert, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas and Betty Tatro. **Absent:** Neil Moriarty, Eric Stanley and Bob Mitchell

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

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 were no Public Comments.
2. **Modify the Agenda:** K. Wheeler **MOVED** to modify the agenda to include discussing a motion brought forward by the Finance/Facilities Committee to have the Trades Building Class build an equipment shed and spend up to \$28,000.00. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 8.347/0/.214/4.439. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: K. Wheeler **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance/Facilities Committee to agree with the administration to move forward and spend up to \$28,000.00 from the 2007 CD which currently has \$60,000.00 in it to construct an equipment shed to be built by the Trades Building Class. **SECOND:** R. Colbert **DISCUSSION:** S. Peters asked for the original intent of the funds. J. Fortson explained the CD was created in 2007. **C. McDaniel-Thomas arrives.** It was requested by the auditors. The funds have been untouched for 10 years and are fair game for anything in the MS/HS. **VOTE:** 8.561/0/1.121/3.318. **Motion passes.**

3. **First Read on Board Policies:** L. Steadman presented Policy IICA Field Trips and Policy KCD Donations and Gifts as a first read.
4. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**
 - a. **Student Representative Report:** The Student Rep. is on summer break.
 - b. **Superintendent’s Report:**

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i. Late Busses for 2017/18: L. Witte reported there is no update on the late buses. Paula is having her drivers do test runs. She will have more information in August.

ii. School Security Officer Update: L. Witte explained the Board has the information on the comparison of the SRO and the SSO. She is not sure of the discussion. She explained the duties done by Frank DeTurris. He is certainly filling the need and doing what we ask him to do. He will be more available in the elementary schools. We have decreased the number of police calls and if there is a criminal issue the police have to be involved. R. Colbert has asked for the total number of incidents. L. Witte explained the principals keep track of that on Power School. She can get that information.

iii. Strategic Goals: L. Witte presented the overview of the Strategic Goals to the Board. She explained this is very much a draft. The committee has not met over the summer. She wanted to make sure the Board is in support of the goals. If the Board has questions they could email her.

L. Witte thanked the Board for a vote of confidence for 4 more years as superintendent. She had just returned from a great vacation. She thanked the Board.

L. Witte explained there would be a need for 3 members of the Board to sign the manifest due to the fact the Board is only meeting once a month over the summer.

L. Witte reminded the Board they had given her permission to hire certified staff over this past summer in order to secure good candidates, due to the fact the Board is only meeting once a month during the summer. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to authorize the Superintendent to hire certified staff until the first Board Meeting in September. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** It was asked why not let the Superintendent hire all the time. S. Peters explained it is RSA related. N. Mosher said it is the responsibility of the Board to review the hires. **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

J. Rathbun explained the District had a State audit regarding the Title One Program. He reported everything went well. It was a very positive review. R. Colbert said this should be publicized. L. Witte will send out a press release.

L. Witte explained there is a need for non-public session.

c. Business Administrator's Report: J. Fortson does not have a report tonight.

d. Board Chair Report: M. Blair said he will continue with the agenda until 8:00 PM and then recess for a non-meeting. He also informed the Board he will be moving and the August Board Meeting will be the last meeting he will chair.

e. Committee Reports:

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i. Technology: There is no report.

ii. Long Range Ad Hoc: M. Blair reported the committee has not met.

iii. Finance and Facilities Committee: K. Wheeler reported the committee discussed the equipment shed, setting tuition at \$17,775.95, and the Troy and Cutler Evaluation and Assessments will be reviewed at the next meeting. M. Blair explained the Long Range Ad Hoc Committee discussed lowering the tuition to attract students. This is a bigger conversation and should go before the voters as a warrant article.

iv. Education Committee: B. Tatro reported the committee will be bringing the Education Charter to the full Board for approval at the next meeting. J. Rathbun will be forming a task force consisting of primarily teachers to make a recommendation to the Education Committee in December regarding the homework policy.

v. Policy Committee: L. Steadman reported L. Sutton has uploaded all the policies on the website. The committee will discuss the head lice policy, the playground policy and the crowd funded classroom.

vi. Budget Committee: L. Steadman reported the Budget Committee members listed items they would like discussed during the negotiations and the budget discussion.

f. Other:

i. Superintendent Decision Making Authority: It was commented there are 2 policies to address the superintendent's decision making authority.

ii. Nancy Frazier Memorial: The Board discussed memorials dedicated to previous employees of the District. M. Suarez explained the staff discussed possible memorials for Nancy Frazier. They decided to purchase an adult size chair and a child size chair for the library in order for the students to have a creative place to sit. M. Blair said a Board Member with an idea for a memorial for Nancy Frazier came forward at a CRC meeting but nothing has been done as of yet. M. Suarez explained the chairs were purchased by the staff. M. Blair said the Board may want to contribute to the 2 additional chairs MTC would like to purchase. M. Blair said the chairs are a great idea and the Board appreciates the staff for doing it.

iii. August 8th 2017 School Board Meeting: L. Steadman explained she is not able to be at the meeting on August 8th and would like to change the date. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to change the School Board Meeting from August 8, 2017 to August 15, 2017. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **DISCUSSION:** Some Board Members have made plans around the August 8, 2017 date. **VOTE:** 1.996/3.200/4.486/3.318. **Motion fails.**

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5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the 2017-2018 Manifest in the amount of \$ 780,282.57. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

b. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the 2016-2017 Manifest in the amount of \$ 1,202,417.47. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

c. Approval of the June 20, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the June 20, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

d. Approval of the June 20, 2017 8:42 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the June 20, 2017, 8:42 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

e. Approval of the June 20, 2017 8:48 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the June 20, 2017, 8:48 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

f. Approval of the June 20, 2017 9:15 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the June 20, 2017, 9:15 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

g. Approval of the June 20, 2017 9:30 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: W. Wright **MOVED** to approve the June 20, 2017, 9:30 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

6. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- 1. Tuition rate**
- 2. Special Ed. tuition**
- 3. Policy KCD and Policy IICA**
- 4. Strategic Goals**
- 5. Education Charter**

The Board discussed the procedure for when M. Blair is no longer chair and when there is a need for a new Swanzy Board Member.

The Evaluation and Assessments for Cutler and Troy will be in the next Board packets.

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M. Blair recessed the Board Meeting at 7:54 PM in order to meet with their attorney in a non-meeting.

7. The Board returns to Public Session.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

9. 8:44 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION: S. Peters **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 you board, Committee or Subcommittee. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

10. Adjournment: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:03 PM. **SECOND:** R. Colbert **VOTE:** 9.682/0/0/3.318. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary