

June 19, 2018

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018 (corrected)
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Winston Wright, Karen Wheeler, Kristen Noonan, Neil Moriarty, Nicholas Mosher, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Karen Buono, Betty Tatro and Scott Peters.
Absent: Eric Stanley, Rob Colbert, Brian Bohannon and Lisa Steadman,

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. Call to Order: S. Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

3. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

1. Senior Band Trip: Ratify Straw poll Vote: MOTION: C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to ratify the straw poll vote of June 8, 2018. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **DISCUSSION:** *K. Wheeler arrives.* N. Mosher commented voting this way is not a big issue for a senior trip but it should not be used for more serious topics. S. Peters said there was advice from legal counsel that this was acceptable to vote by email and then at the meeting to ratify the vote. **VOTE:** 6.441/1.075/1.121/4.363. **Motion passes.**

2. Policies for 2nd read: JLCD, JLCE/EBBC, IKB (homework), JICI, JCA, EEA and EEAA: MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to adopt the NHSBA sample Policy JLCD Administering Medication to Students with the in-line edits made by the administration. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** S. Peters explained the rationale for the policy. **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to adopt the NHSBA sample Policy JLCE/EBBC Emergency Care and First Aid with the in-line edits made by the administration. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler. **DISCUSSION:** S. Peters explained the rationale behind the motion. The Board asked about the issue of Narcan. It is not required by law and the committee did not want to take responsibility. First responders have access to Narcan. **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to adopt Policy IKD Homework as proposed by the working committee and Education Committee.

SECOND: K. Wheeler. **DISCUSSION:** S. Peters explained the rationale for the motion. J. Rathbun explained how the committee updated this policy. He said the committee agreed homework should not be used to learn a new skill but to help with what is being taught. **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to adopt the NHSBA sample Policy JICI Weapons on School Property as written with the in-line edits made by the Policy Committee on 5-22-18 and to retire Policy JICI-R.

SECOND: N. Moriarty. **DISCUSSION:** S. Peters explained the rationale for the motion. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to amend the motion and take out the word “serious” in the paragraph starting with the word “Weapon”. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler. **VOTE on amendment:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.** S. Peters explained this policy is in regards to students which are the “J” policies. There is an employee version for this policy. The Policy Committee will be looking into that policy. K. Wheeler asked the definition for a weapon. N. Mosher said he has a lot of questions and is not ready to vote. C. McDaniel-Thomas understands the concerns but this has to get in the handbook and it is better than what we have. K. Wheeler and N. Mosher said this policy is too gray. **MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to send this policy back to the Policy Committee. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler. **DISCUSSION:** L. Witte said we do have a policy on the books. If we put this aside, we will continue to use the 1993 Policy. It would not make the handbook if it is sent back to Policy. **VOTE:** 2.046/6.591/0/4.363. **Motion fails.** **VOTE to accept Policy JICI as amended:** 7.666/.979/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to adopt the NHSBA sample Policy JCA Change of School or Assignment as written. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **DISCUSSION:** S. Peters explained the rationale for the motion. **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to adopt the NHSBA sample Policy EEA Student Transportation Services as written with the in-line edits made by the Policy Committee on 5-12-18. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** S. Peters read the rationale for the motion. **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to adopt the NHSBA sample Policy EEAA Audio and Video Surveillance on School Premises as written with the in-line edits made by the Policy Committee on 5-12-18. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** S. Peters read the rationale for the motion. L. Witte did explain the attorney for the NHSBA did weigh in on this. **VOTE:** 8.423/.214/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

3. Budget Transfer (from Finance): MOTION: K. Wheeler **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$149,425.00 to cover 3 positions plus benefits as presented previously by J. Swanson. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

4. Extra-Curricular-Encumber Funds \$25,000 (Rules for Encumbering Funds) MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** on behalf of the Extra-Curricular Committee to encumber up to \$25,000.00, if available at the end of June, to provide administration with the flexibility to restructure the stipends for sports and clubs. **SECOND:** K. Buono. **DISCUSSION:** K. Noonan explained the logic behind the motion. S. Peters said we need to rework the scale and have the best coaches at a fair stipend. L. Witte does agree we need to look at the stipends. S. Peters ruled the motion out of order. The Board cannot encumber funds for this purpose.

The Board received information on the hockey budget. Their total expenditure for 2018 was \$26,796.05. They are not fully funded by the District. The Hockey Team is looking for funding.

4. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

1. Board Chair Report:

1. Current Committee Schedule and Rotation: S. Peters welcomed K. Buono to the Board. L. Witte reviewed the time and days in which the individual committees will be meeting each month.

2. Operations/Superintendent's Report:

1. Graduation Stats: L. Witte passed out information on the most recent graduation. There were 103 graduates who graduated from MRHS.

L. Witte asked D. LaPointe to update the Board on the Fitzwilliam well. D. LaPointe explained he would like to hire Cushing & Sons as well as John Hulman to do the job in Fitzwilliam. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to bypass procedure regarding the policy seeking 3 bids and to approve the vendors recommended by D. LaPointe which are Cushing & Sons and J. Holman. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** A 2/3 vote is required. **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

The Troy School building evaluation will take place on Thursday. D. LaPointe will be discussing the MTC project with the engineer.

L. Witte passed out the completed 2016 Audit. She said there were no significant findings.

J. Rathbun passed out information on the SAT Scores from last year. This is for information only.

3. Education Report:

1. Spotlight on Library Matters: J. Rathbun explained there has been one Library Media Specialist for the entire District for the past 7 years. In the elementary schools they use para professionals. Lisa Wiley is the new Library Media Specialist for the elementary schools. She and Stephanie will be working on the Library Curriculum over the summer.

4. Other Matters for Discussion:

1. Update on Swanzey Board Member: L. Witte welcomed Karen Buono as the new Swanzey Board Member.

2. Update on Troy School Property Evaluation: D. LaPointe explained the evaluation will take place on Thursday.

3. Voter Registration at the High School: J. Rathbun and N. Moriarty have teamed up to try and get the Supervisors of the Checklist to come to school and allow the students to register to vote. J. Rathbun said he is very excited.

5. Committee Reports:

1. CRC Report: C. McDaniel-Thomas reported the committee met tonight, set goals and will be presenting the Charter for approval at the next Board meeting.

2. Finance Committee: The committee discussed the motion made on April 17, 2018 regarding the hockey funding. The Board is not sure about funding the team with the encumbered funds. The Board will get an opinion from DRA. There is no motion tonight.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the Manifest in the amount of \$ 1,793,808.17. **SECOND:** K. Buono **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

2. Approval of the June 5, 2018 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: W. Wright **MOVED** to approve the June 5, 2018 School Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **VOTE:** 5.274/0/3.363/4.363. **Motion passes.**

3. Approval of the June 5, 2018, 8:31 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes: MOTION: N. Moriarty **MOVED** to approve the June 5, 2018, 8:31PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler. **VOTE:** 5.274/0/3.363/4.363. **Motion passes.**

4. Approval of the June 5, 2018, 9:46 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes: MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to approve the June 5, 2018, 9:46 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler. **VOTE:** 5.274/0/3.363/4.363. **Motion passes.**

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5. Approval of the June 5, 2018, 9:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to approve the June 5, 2018, 9:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler. **VOTE:** 5.274/0/3.363/4.363. **Motion passes.**

6. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- 1. Hockey**
- 2. CRC Charter**
- 3. Question on whether to spend funds in non-public**
- 4. Policy JICI**
- 5. Permission to hire over the summer**

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There are no public comments.

8. 9:05 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, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

9. 9:15 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

10. Adjournment: MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:30 PM. **SECOND:** N. Mosher **VOTE:** 8.637/0/0/4.363. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary