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**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 5, 2018 (corrected)**  
**Veterans Hall, Richmond, NH**

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

**Administration present:** L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Rathbun, Director of Curriculum and Assessment and Janel Swanson, 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:** Jennifer from the Monadnock Funding Committee updated the Board on the 3 basic formula options they have been discussing. Their next meeting is on June 14, 2018. J. Swanson said she had spoken to the State about the issue of pooling the adequacy monies. She will contact the State on this issue. Jennifer is asking to run information by the board’s attorney. Some Board Members questioned the use of the Board’s attorney. N. Mosher said we need to be careful using District services.

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

1. **Selection of Audit Firm for FY17:** J. Swanson presented two proposals for an Audit firm for the District. Klukay and Plotzick & Sanders are the 2 firms being presented. J. Swanson said she tried to get another firm as per Board policy but was not able to. J. Swanson would recommend Plotzick and Sanders. **MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to allow the administration to hire Plotzick and Sanders as the auditing firm for the District. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **VOTE:** 7.445/1.115/1.075/3.365. **Motion passes.**

**3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**

**1. Board Chair Report:**

1. **Negotiations Committee Appointee:** **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to appoint B. Bohannon to the Negotiations Committee. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler. **VOTE:** 9.65/0/0/3.365 **Motion passes.**

**2. Operations/Superintendent’s Report:**

**1. Foreign Exchange Student Approval: MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to accept the exchange student from Japan in accordance with Board Policy.  
**SECOND:** R. Colbert. **VOTE:** 9.635/0/0/3.365. **Motion passes.**

**2. Scholastic Awards Update:** J. Swanson had asked Lorna Watkins-Barth for information on the scholastic awards which is being presented to the Board tonight. J. Swanson asked the Board if there was additional information needed. L. Steadman mentioned the attendance by the Board at the Awards Presentation was not great and asked to have an invite sent to the Board next year.

R. Colbert asked for an update on the meeting the Board would like to have with the selectmen, police and others regarding safety.

**3. Education Report:**

**1. Health and Wellness Spotlight:** J. Rathbun informed the Board the MSHS has a Wellness Committee that helps to educate the students on positive life. We do not have a health curriculum K-12. There are required courses at the MSHS. In the elementary school it is not health classes it is teaching early hygiene, positive relationships and more. They are discussing the next steps without adding extra classes. They are looking how to combine this in the regular classroom. They want to develop rubrics, treat it like a true curriculum, grade level the curriculum and compile the resources. There are grant funds available to do the work over the summer for the Health Curriculum Committee.

**2. SAT Results:** J. Rathbun explained he has just received the SAT results from the State. He passed out the 3 pages of information which included the SAT and PSAT results to the Board. J. Rathbun reviewed the information with the Board. He will bring information to compare the results from last year and this year. The data shows that the 10<sup>th</sup> graders are better test takers.

**4. Committee Reports:**

**1. Negotiations Committee:** The committee has begun the process.

**2. Policy Committee:** The committee presented a packet of policies for a first read. The Board discussed Policy JICI. E. Stanley commented this policy deals with the students but not the staff. L. Witte explained J policies are student policies. S. Peters will look for a Board policy or a NHSBA policy regarding the staff. L. Steadman explained the policies can be discussed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> read. S. Peters would ask the Board to send any comments or concerns regarding the policies to him prior to the next meeting.

**3. Facilities Committee:** K. Wheeler reported the committee met and D. LaPointe updated the committee on the schools. They discussed where to go with the committee and the focus of the committee. **MOTION:** K. Wheeler **MOVED** to consult with a real estate professional to obtain the sale values of all the buildings

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except the MSHS and to include Wilcox. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **DISCUSSION:** R. Colbert commented this is part of our data gathering. W. Wright said each town should have that information. B. Bohannon suggested having 1 realtor from out of town and 1 from in District. **VOTE:** 8.52/0/1.115/3.365. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** K. Wheeler **MOVED** to consult with our legal counsel clarifying any limitations we may need to consider with changes of the physical footprint closures, additions, bonds or systematic changes to the Monadnock School District. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **VOTE:** 9.635/0/0/3.365. **Motion passes.** The committee will be touring Troy and Emerson on June 14 starting at 6:00 PM.

**5. Other Matters for Discussion:**

**1. Swanzey Board Seat:** E. Stanley informed the Board the committee had asked L. Sutton to post the position and it will close on Friday with interviews on Wednesday.

**2. District Clerk Succession Plan:** L. Witte explained L. Sutton is currently doing the position and has done a great job. The District will be posting the position and L. Sutton will help with the process. **MOTION:** R. Colbert **MOVED** to support the Superintendent and post the position for District Clerk. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **VOTE:** 9.635/0/0/3.365. **Motion passes.**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. Approval of the Manifest:** **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to approve the Manifest in the amount of \$ 3,068,708.00. **SECOND:** N. Moriarty **VOTE:** 9.421/0/2.14/3.365. **Motion passes.**

**2. Approval of the May 15, 2018 School Board Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to approve the May 15, 2018 School Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** R. Colbert. **VOTE:** 9.421/0/.214/3.365. **Motion passes.**

**3. Approval of the May 15, 2018, 8:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to approve the May 15, 2018 Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 9.421/0/.214/3.365. **Motion passes.**

L. Steadman had received a letter from J. Kuhn and the DI Team thanking the Board for their financial support in the competition.

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

- 1. Voter Registration in High School**
- 2. Policies Second Read**
- 3. Safety Goals-Armed Personnel**
- 4. Library Spotlight**

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6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There are no public comments.
7. **8:31 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee. **SECOND:** S. Peters **VOTE:** 9.635/0/0/3.365. **Motion passes.**
8. **9:46 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:** 9.635/0/0/3.365. **Motion passes.**
9. **9:50 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, ( 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:** K. Wheeler **VOTE:** 9.635/0/0/3.365. **Motion passes.**
10. **Adjournment: MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:35 PM. **SECOND:** K. Noonan **VOTE:** 9.635/0/0/3.365. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary