

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)

School Board Meeting Minutes

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Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

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

Administration present: L. Witte, Superintendent 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. Ratify the March Vote: MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to recommend to the School Board to ratify the vote taken on the snow day regarding the warrant articles. The School Board is accepting and approving the vote. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
- 3. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION**
 - a. Technology:**
 - i. Approve the updated Technology Committee Charter with the proposed edit: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to accept the Technology Committee Charter with the addition of bullet #5 as presented. **SECOND:** N. Moriarty. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
 - b. Community Relations:**
 - i. Approve the updated CRC charter with proposed edit: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to accept the CRC Charter with the edits as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
- 4. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**
 - a. Student Representative Report:** J. Bemis is the new Student Representative but had a scheduling conflict and is not present tonight.
 - b. Superintendent’s Report:**
 - i. Late Busses for 2017/18:** L. Witte explained the administration has suggested reducing the 4 late busses to 2 or 3 busses. L. Witte read the information provided by Paula at First Student. She had suggested 2 late busses due to the ridership. B. Tatro suggested using

the Special Ed. vans for the Gilsum and Roxbury students. L. Witte explained the Special Ed. busses may not be available. M. Blair would suggest a few scenarios to bring back to the Board. L. Steadman would like to have additional information from First Student. She would like to know where the bus stops were and where they will be. L. Witte explained they know the current number of stops and where they are now. M. Blair explained there are a few options but he is not sure of the level of information we can get. L. Witte explained the late busses run on 3 days a week. L. Witte said for liability we will follow policy and notify the families on where to pick up the students. It was suggested to have one stop in every town near the center of the town.

ii. School Security Officer Update: Frank DeTurris was invited to the Board Meeting. He explained this school year was better than last year. The hallways are better with less roaming of students and less police involvement. There are occasional fights, some marijuana and pushing and shoving. He has dealt with truancy of MSHS students and wellness checks for the elementary students. Any call or issue he had to deal with is on power school. W. Wright and R. Colbert would like to know the work he is doing in order to help support his position. F. DeTurris explained his typical day at the school. S. Peters would like to know if he is doing the SSO or the SRO activities. F. DeTurris said he is working very closely with the administration. He is involved in safety checks at the elementary schools. He does get called to the elementary schools but he is mostly at the MSHS.

iii. Other: L. Witte passed out the Organizational Chart for reference. N. Mosher asked if there are any notable changes. L. Witte explained the slight changes. L. Witte has emailed her Superintendent goals and process to the Board for reference to be discussed in public or non-public. R. Skroki is one of the quarter finalists for the 2018 Music Educator Award. The Destination Imagination HS Teams thanked the Board for their support.

c. Business Administrator's Report:

- i. ACES 93 Update:** P. Peterson asked why Back to Basics was being taken out of Emerson, yet remaining in other schools. J. Fortson explained in order to continue the program we need to shift the Troy Afterschool Program to Emerson

and the Emerson Back to Basics Program to MTC. Relocating the staff will follow the guidelines for the remaining grant program. S. Peters asked why moving Troy to Emerson. It was explained Emerson is covered by the grant. J. Fortson said the cost of the Troy Program is about \$92,000.00. There are space requirements because of the grant. M. Blair commented we are trying to keep a good program open. The majority of people would have liked to keep it fully open but due to the vote the administration and the ACES director are trying to keep the program open.

J. Fortson informed the Board the new insurance company will no longer allow bounce houses to be used in the District.

ii. Approve Bus Bid-First Student: J. Fortson presented the Board with the First Student Bus Proposal for the school years of 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 for regular bussing not to include Special Education. **MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to accept the 3 year First Student bussing proposal not including Special Ed. bussing as presented by J. Fortson. **SECOND:** N. Moriarty. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

d. Board Chair Report: M. Blair informed the Board of the NHDI performance by students from Troy and Cutler over the Memorial Day weekend. It was a great show. He also

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reported graduation was a nice event, the students represented Monadnock well. The Long Range Ad Hoc is meeting every other week and will be meeting this Thursday.

e. Committee Reports:

i. Community Relations: The CRC will be holding a special meeting to get organized for the retreat in possibly August.

ii. Technology: Technology has not met.

iii. Policy: L. Steadman reported the Policy Committee did not have a quorum. She is bringing the Substance Misuse Policy to the Board for a first read. She said it would be nice to get it on the books before the Student Handbook goes out. **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to waive the agenda and allow the Substance Misuse Policy as a first read. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** M. Blair commented Jeanine Leclerc and Lauren Bressett along with their group have been putting a lot of work into this policy. They have been meeting at least once a month. **VOTE:** 11.665/0/.214/1.121. **Motion passes.** W. Wright would like the public to read this policy. It is very important. N. Mosher said we are bending the rules. L. Steadman said this is policy not procedure. F. DeTurris is on this committee.

iv. Extra-Curricular: The committee is discussing a memorial for N. Frazier at MTC. They will discuss this at the next meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval of the Manifest: **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the Manifest in the amount of \$ 2,895,398.20. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

b. Approval of the May 16, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes: **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the May 16, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** R. Colbert **VOTE:** 10/0/1.878/1.121. **Motion passes.**

c. Approval of the May 16, 2017 8:20 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes: **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the May 16, 2017, 8:20 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 10/0/1.878/1.121. **Motion passes.**

d. Approval of the May 16, 2017, 8:23 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes: **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the May 16, 2017, 8:23 PM Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** R. Colbert **VOTE:** 10/0/1.878/1.121. **Motion passes.**

6. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- 1. Memorial**
- 2. Late Bus**
- 3. Substance Use Policy**

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4. Discuss empower the Superintendent about decision making
5. Copy of Email

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

M. Blair called a 4 minute recess.

8. **8:12 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** B. Tatro **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:** E. Stanley **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
9. **8:34 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Consideration for hiring a public employee. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
10. **8:44 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
11. **8:47 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Dismissal, promotion or setting compensation for public employees. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
12. **Adjournment: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:50 PM. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary