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Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2017
Troy Elementary School, Troy, NH

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

Administration present: L. Witte, Superintendent and J. Fortson, Business Administrator.

Also present: L. Aivaliotis, Recording

“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:** K. Goodenough spoke to the Board in favor of a full time AD. She said she is concerned about the whole student. ***L. Steadman arrives.*** She commented on the amount of work involved for the AD. She said the current AD is a hard worker. She would ask the Board to consider a full time AD position.

J. Coppo said the current AD does an enormous amount of work. He said he works 10-12 hours a day. He said there is a need for a full time AD.

2. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

a. 2017-2018 Budget Allocation:

i. Elementary Special Education Coordinator: L. Witte explained this is the one position the Administration felt was a necessity moving forward. This position will allow the District to stay in compliance. N. Mosher said he is in favor of this position. Without this position the principals are taken away from doing their job. W. Wright commented we have not been in compliance for 13 years. R. Colbert asked why the administration is mentioning this position now and not at the last meeting. M. Blair said we did not have the information at the last meeting. There are 257 Special Ed. students K-12 and 149 just in K-6. B. Tatro will support this position. N. Mosher said this discussion was at the November meeting.

MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to allocate the funds for the Elementary Special Ed. Coordinator for the 2017-2018 school year. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** P. Peterson explained how each position will help. C. Woods explained that the District is not in compliance and this position will help. L. Steadman is in support of this position. **VOTE:** 11.925/1.075/0/0. **Motion passes.**

ii. Full Time AD Position: **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to change the part time AD position to a full time AD position for the 2017-2018 school year. **SECOND:** R. Colbert. **DISCUSSION:** L. Witte explained the administration had said the AD at part time

was sufficient but it is up to the Board. M. Blair said to discuss the position not the person in the position. J. Fortson said there is no buffer but she will work with whatever number she has. L. Witte explained if this motion passes the position will be posted on July 1, 2017. E. Stanley said the student participation is huge. He explained everything this person does in this position. Sports and academics go hand and hand. B. Mitchell is in favor of a full time AD. We have had evidence and testimony and we already have someone working full time. L. Steadman commented that there might be an issue if an employee was to work more than the number of hours hired for. L. Witte said that would be an employment issue and the employee would be notified. J. Fortson explained ACES can be funded out of the 2017-2018 budget but not out of the surplus. R. Colbert asked why the Board is just hearing this now. J. Fortson said it is not deliberate. She does not have an agenda and did not realize this issue would come up later. R. Colbert asked who is supervising the coaches. He spoke of liability and the best interest of the students. He is surprised at the reaction of the administration. L. Steadman does not want the Before and After Program to be part of the conversation. Parents will be trying to raise the funds to keep the program open. M. Blair said they are all high priorities and he feels strongly about the full time AD position. **VOTE: 9.840/3.160/0/0. Motion passes.**

iii Late Buses: MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** to restore the two late buses in the amount of \$28,250.00 for the next school year. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **DISCUSSION:** L. Steadman spoke in favor of the late buses. L. Witte explained there will be two late buses doing the two runs. K. Wheeler would like to see the entire picture before voting. P. Peterson would like all kids to have the opportunity or not at all. R. Colbert asked about a buffer. J. Fortson said the buffer has decreased because of the cuts. She does not expect a large surplus. K. Wheeler would like this issue to be sent to the Finance/Facilities Committee.

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

a. Student Representative Report: There are no representatives present.

b. Superintendent's Report:

i. MRMHS Course Registration Update: L. Witte explained the Board had previously approved the Program of Studies. She passed out the process for the course scheduling. She said L. Spencer has taken the lead on scheduling. They have the CCC schedule and will start balancing the sections. E. Stanley asked about the Learning Labs. J. Rathbun and L. Spencer explained what will happen in the Learning Labs. L. Witte informed the Board teachers who teach the 6th class will again receive the stipend. J. Rathbun said the schedules are not set in stone.

L. Witte reported on the students from J. Kuhn's class received the following awards: Jarod Redfield, Philip Martino and James Cloutier all received second place in the Category of Best Overall Project with Superior Design, Model and Graphic Presentation. Shaylie Alfonso, a first year Architecture student, took first place in the category of Best Graphic Presentation Describing the Design Solution. Congratulations!!!!

MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to support the application submitted to the Dept. of Education for an Adult Education Grant in the amount of \$28,252.61. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**

L. Witte explained there are no updates on legal issues.

c. Business Administrator's Report:

i. Allocation of fund balance for ACES 93: J. Fortson had already explained the fund balance cannot be used for ACES. She will bring any information to the Finance Meeting.

ii. Sound System installation: J. Fortson reported the sound system in the library is complete, the gym speakers will go to the Husky House, the parts for the Emerson sound system are at the SAU and Cutler will be looked at next. The proposal for the auditorium is about \$44,000.00 and will be the last to be addressed. She commended the custodians at the MSHS for doing the work on the sound systems.

iii. Teacher Appreciation: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to provide a luncheon on May 10, 2017 for the staff throughout the district in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Day. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to allow the Board Chair and Vice Chair to sign on behalf of the Board for the drawdown in the amount of \$6022.89 for the ACES 93 Before and After Program. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0.

d. Board Chair Report: M. Blair explained Dave Frazier accepted Nancy Frazier's pin for her years of service to the District at a recognition dinner last night. He said it was a great celebration.

e. Committee Reports:

i. Policy

a. BCA-Board Member Code of Ethics: L. Steadman explained the changes and the rationale of Policy BCA. This is a first read on this policy.

b. JQ-Student Fees, Fines and Charges: L. Steadman explained the changes and the rationale of Policy JQ. She explained the Technology Committee added language regarding electronic devices. It was explained the Board has to allow a student to graduate if they have fulfilled the graduation requirements but they do not have to allow them to participate in graduation events.

c. BDA-Board Organizational Meeting: L. Steadman explained the changes and the rationale of Policy BDA. This is a first read on this policy.

L. Steadman commented that the school nurses had concerns regarding head lice and asked if that issue should be discussed tonight. L. Witte said it could be discussed at the next meeting.

M. Blair reported the organizational meeting for the AD Hoc Committee will take place in the library at 6:30 PM on Thursday May 12, 2017. The Board had approved the membership. The group in attendance will decide who will be voting members. M. Blair will have Lillian notify

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all of the towns of the invite. K. Wheeler asked who from the Board will be on the committee. M. Blair said all members can attend. It is an Ad Hoc Committee everyone will have a voice. M. Blair will chair the committee at first and then the committee will vote in a chair. L. Sutton will notify everyone and the notice will include the original motion.

N. Moriarty would like to discuss MESSA paid lunches when they are out for the day. It was suggested to bring this to the Finance Committee. C. McDaniel-Thomas said paras are not heavily paid and asked what the cost would be for the paid lunches.

B. Tatro explained J. Rathbun will be presenting the PSAT and STAR test results at the next Education Meeting. N. Mosher asked for the test results to be placed in the Board packets.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the Manifest in the amount of \$ 1,933,158.29. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**

b. Approval of the April 18, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the April 18, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** R. Colbert **VOTE:** 10.757/0/2.243/0. **Motion passes.**

c. Approval on April 18, 2017, 8:30 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the April 18, 2017, 8:30 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 10.757/0/2.243/0. **Motion passes.**

d. Approval of April 18, 2017, 8:36 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the April 18, 2017, 8:36 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 10.757/0/2.243/0. **Motion passes.**

5. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- 1. Late buses**
- 2. Bus bids**
- 3. PSAT-STAR data Board packets**
- 4. ACES Grant**
- 5. Troy/Emerson Preschool**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: M. Alexander explained the paid lunches are part of the MESSA contract.

D. Coffman congratulated the Board for adding the Elementary School Special Ed. Coordinator and the full time AD. The challenge is how to pay, if not in the current budget possibly during contract negotiations.

M. Blair called a 5 minute recess.

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7. **8:46 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:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**
8. **Return to Public Session: MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to seal the May 2, 2017 8:46 PM Non-Public Session Board Meeting Minutes until the end of the 2016-2017 school year. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**
9. **Adjournment: MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:00 PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary