

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2017  
Roxbury Town Hall, Roxbury, NH**

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

**Administration present:** 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:**

Jim Rousmaniere a Roxbury Selectmen welcomed the Board and administration to Roxbury. He said he is proud to be part of the Monadnock School District. He commented on NHSBA legislature which will allow individuals to reach into public tax dollars to pay for private education.

T. Matson commented on the motion regarding the formula. He presented the Board with copies of Megan Foley’s letter and a letter from J. Rousmaniere. He said between all of the information he presented there is plenty of information and detail for 4 options regarding the formula. He said at the last meeting the School Board did not take action. He would ask the School Board to look at the options and make a recommendation. He commented that J. Fortson never said she did not have time to do the figures.

**C. McDaniel-Thomas arrives.**

N. Moriarty commented on the motion on the floor at the previous meeting which was to postpone. Roberts Rules states the motion to postpone is the only issue on the floor.

**a. Student Representative Report:** The representatives are not present tonight.

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

**a. Public Information Sessions: Apportionment Formula:** L. Steadman explained she has information back from the attorney and asked the Board if they would support public information sessions regarding the formula. The information is attorney client privilege. P.

Peterson and N. Mosher would like time to review the information and would like to discuss it at the next meeting.

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

#### **a. Superintendent's Report:**

**i. Jamie Vollmer: January 24, 2018:** J. Rathbun explained Jamie Vollmer will be coming to the District on January 24, 2018 which is a professional development day. He will be working with the staff and faculty all day and will invite everyone to a working lunch session. T. Walsh will prepare the luncheon and all of the elected Boards will be invited.

**ii. CCC Contract Update:** J. Rathbun explained he attended a CCC Meeting and the wording in the contract was hammered out. It is in good shape. There is not a big difference from the last contract. W. Wright discussed the Agricultural Course. J. Rathbun said Fall Mtn. needs a director but they do not need to hire one. They only need to designate someone possibly the superintendent.

**iii. Other:** J. Rathbun passed out a list of coach notifications for the Winter Sports and a FMLA notification. A list of fundraisers was also passed out to the Board.

It was explained Coach Hill would like to travel for an overnight field trip to Gardner, Mass. to allow the players to play in a scrimmage and team bonding time.

There are 22 players and the sufficient amount of chaperones. **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the overnight field trip to Gardner, MA for the boy's basketball team. **SECOND:** R. Colbert **VOTE:** 11.245/0/0/1.755. **Motion passes.**

#### **b. Business Administrator's Report:**

**i.** J. Fortson reported the District has received funds for security cameras at Cutler from the State but \$6000.00 will have to be raised. There may be a need for a \$6000.00 warrant article. They will also be requesting additional funds from the State for a well at Emerson. She has presented information on apportionment and the warrant articles in the Board packets.

**c. Board Chair Report:** L. Steadman thanked the Board, select boards and the teachers for their work and she is thankful for this season.

#### **d. Committee Reports:**

**i. Finance and Facilities:** J. Fortson explained the committee met and discussed funding the well at Emerson, the need for handicapped doors at the entrance of the high school, a handicapped bathroom and a more powerful generator.

J. Fortson explained the items that are included in the proposed Warrant Article Three are a partial roof at Gilsum, HS Abate/Seal/VT, MTC (6-8 rooms) Abate/Seal/VCT, Cutler Abate/Seal/VCT, Fitzwilliam well and MTC Bathroom Renovations.

**ii. Education Committee:** B. Tatro reported the committee did not have a quorum. J. Leclerc was in attendance and discussed Substance Abuse Prevention. K. Stone presented information on class size at Troy and Emerson.

**iii. Budget Committee:** B. Bohannon is the representative to the Budget Committee and will bring back information to this Board. The Budget Committee has the opportunity to attend the Board Meetings and gather information. R. Colbert asked what the job of Budget Committee is. L. Steadman explained the Budget Committee will come up with the Default Budget number.

**iv. Policy Committee:** The Policy Committee will meet on November 28, 2017. They will also meet at some time to review policies required by law and recommended by the NHSBA.

**v. Other:** There was discussion on the consolidation of Troy and Emerson and to mirror the MTC and Cutler model regarding the closeness of the buildings. If there is a concern on class size, there should be discussion. L. Steadman suggested a group of teachers, building principals and staff to meet and discuss this. List the pros and cons. P. Peterson said the administration has done a great job balancing out the class sizes. This should be discussed at the committee level. The Finance and Facilities Committee should discuss the information. J. Rathbun explained the administration did prepare a document last year. He will send it out by email. R. Colbert would like to see the information after the final evaluation and assessment of the schools is complete. T. Matson has a concern about fixing the Gilsum Roof with a 5-year agreement. He asked if the Board can give Troy and Emerson a 5-year agreement. The cost of the repairs for Troy is between \$795,000.00 and \$920,000.00 according to the evaluation and assessment report. R. Colbert would like a full inventory of all the buildings and have every option on the table. He has a concern about the Gilsum roof. This Board cannot tell a future Board what to do. N. Mosher said it would be great to build a new school but at the very least see a new school built. J. Fortson explained the maintenance budget is down each year. Finance and Facilities had tours of the buildings and only 2 people showed up. D. LaPointe would like more people to attend. All of the Swanzey schools have trailers. It was suggested to have parents, staff, town's people, Unions, administration, Facilities Director, Education Committee and Finance Committee together to discuss this issue. There needs to be meetings in different locations. We need to have the evaluations and assessments as well as the NEASC Report. B. Bohannon would like to have a discussion around 3 options that came out of the Long Range Planning Committee to change the current footprint of the District, give the towns the responsibility for their own elementary schools or have a K-8 Middle School. We need to have a timeline and make changes next year.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the 2017-2018 Manifest in the amount of \$ 1,148,670.70. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 11.925/0/0/1.075. **Motion passes.**

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**b. Approval of the November 7, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the November 7, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 11.245/0/0/1.755. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve the November 7, 2017, 9:16 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.245/0/0/1.755. **Motion passes.**

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

- 1. Joint Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Review Professional Services-Auditor, attorney**
- 3. Checks and balances to make sure program works**
- 4. Troy and Emerson consolidation**
- 5. Warrant Article Review**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** E. Stanley explained D. Doubleday and S. Swartout were chosen for All-State in Band. Congratulations!!! **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to recognize D. Doubleday and S. Swartout for their accomplishments with achieving All-State in band with a jacket or the equivalent of up to \$75.00. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **DISCUSSION:** B. Bohannon commented on this being sticky territory. N. Mosher commented the Extra-Curricular Committee has recognized all student activities. E. Stanley would suggest waiting for more information. **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to table the motion. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 9.009/2.236/0/1.755. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to add this item to the Extra-Curricular Committee's agenda. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 11.245/0/0/1.755. **Motion passes.**

**7. 8:16 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Setting compensation for a public employee. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 11.245/0/0/1.755. **Motion passes.** **S. Peters arrives during non-public session.**

**8. Adjournment: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:54 PM. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon **VOTE:** 11.245/0/0/1.755. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary