

October 3, 2017

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2017
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

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

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

Also present: Justin Bemis, Student Representatives and 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: N. Mosher apologized for the delay of the Board Meeting.

2. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

a. Student Representative Report: Justin Bemis reported the Student Government had their elections and have named all the officers. The Student Government will be meeting every two weeks. The musical being presented will be Fiddler on the Roof. November will be auditions for the musical and rehearsals in December. The HS students will have an assembly in the auditorium tomorrow in regards to the Five Signs of Depression. The guest speaker will be Justice Broderick. The recent Blood Drive was a success.

b. Superintendent’s Report:

i. Preliminary BOY: L. Witte reported the student enrollment number on October 1, 2017 was at 1673. This number is not certified yet. As of today there are 1675 students. Justice Broderick will be discussing issues around mental health and depression. There is a need for 2 non-public sessions.

c. Business Administrator’s Report:

i. Pre-School Playground Equipment: J. Fortson informed the Board she has contacted Primex and in order to be within code the District is looking at a cost of between \$1500 and \$3000 per playground. The playground equipment must be anchored into the ground. She will make sure the equipment is in accordance to code

October 3, 2017

and in accordance with policy. L. Steadman would like the information to go to Finance and Facilities when it is ready.

J. Fortson reported she has received the DOE 25 back from the DRA and it seems okay. She has submitted the MS24 to the DRA and when given the okay she can then do the apportionment for the taxes.

J. Fortson and D. LaPointe have been invited to attend and speak regarding energy efficient schools at the NH Schools Summit. The District has just received \$10,000.00 for the District's energy efficient savings this year

J. Fortson reported the District's Fund Balance is 1.5 million dollars and it will be used to offset taxes. She passed out the fund balance explanation.

d. Board Chair Report: L. Steadman reported the NHSBA is calling for resolutions to be presented at the Delegate Assembly. Last time we did submit a resolution but was not taken up to consider. L. Steadman said to let her know if someone would like to submit one. The NHSBA is offering a workshop and if anyone wants to attend let the administration know and the cost will be from the School Board Account. L. Steadman commented that it is not appropriate to contact other Board Members. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to overrule the Chair and have a non-public session. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** to challenge the Chair regarding an email which L. Steadman shared with N. Moriarty. She asked N. Moriarty not to share the email with others. The email was in regards to Negotiations. L. Steadman stated the members on the Negotiation Committee do the negotiating and then will bring the recommendations to the full Board. N. Moriarty had asked for a non-public session to discuss a list of items he wanted regarding the negotiations. L. Steadman refused the non-public session. L. Witte explained when discussing negotiations, you need be go into a non-meeting. L. Steadman said the Board had selected the Negotiation Committee Members. L. Steadman explained the Board had 2 non-meetings to discuss issues. The Negotiation Committee has heard the suggestions of N. Moriarty and the attorney has said it is not appropriate at this time. L. Steadman is asking N. Moriarty not to discuss the information from L. Steadman with the other Board Members. The attorney said no to the request of a non-public session. The information from N. Moriarty is not binding. The Negotiation Committee is already halfway through the Negotiating process. L. Witte commented we have heard a non-meeting is the appropriate section but there is no voting in a non-meeting. **VOTE:** 1.075/10.927/.998/0. **Motion fails.** N. Mosher commented if N. Moriarty would like a non-meeting it would be appropriate. L. Steadman will deny any request for a non-meeting it is beyond the time to have any new items. She again asked N. Moriarty not to release his document.

e. Committee Reports:

i. Finance and Facilities: The committee has not met yet.

October 3, 2017

ii. Community Relations: The committee will report at the next meeting.

iii. CCC Committee:

1. Update: W. Wright reported the CCC Advisory Committee will be meeting on October 10, 2017 at 7:30 AM.

iv. Extracurricular: E. Stanley reported the committee met tonight and discussed milestones, memorialization and awards. There is a lot to cover. The next meeting is on December 5, 2017 at 5:30 PM in Room 608.

v. Education: B. Tatro commented J. Rathbun will be presenting the test results to the Education Committee on Tuesday. The information can be viewed on line. The results were just released.

vi. Policy: S. Peters explained the Policy Committee is presenting Policy DBJ Transfer of Appropriations as a first read. The major change is the dollar amount increasing from \$1500.00 to \$3500.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the 2016-2017 Manifest in the amount of \$ 16,325.00. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**

b. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the 2017-2018 Manifest in the amount of \$ 2,015,524.25. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**

c. Approval of the September 19, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the September 19, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 12.002/0/.998/0. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the September 19, 2017, 8:22 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 12.002/0/.998/0. **Motion passes.**

5. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- 1. Test Results**
- 2. CRC-Warrants in plain English**
- 3. Policy DBJ**

R. Colbert would like to freeze the spending on the physical plant until all of the evaluation and assessment reports have come back. He would like to discuss an

October 3, 2017

amount to cap until the reports are back. N. Moriarty suggested looking at the open warrant articles before capping the amount.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no Public Comments.
7. **8:04 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** S. Peters **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:** B. Mitchell **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**
8. **Public Session: MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to seal the portion of the October 3, 2017 8:04 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes regarding the Grievance, October 3, 2017 6:30 PM Non-Public Grievance Hearing Minutes and September 5, 2017 Non-Public Grievance Hearing Minutes indefinitely. **SECOND:** R. Colbert. **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**

8:34 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Consideration for the hiring of a public employee. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**
9. **Adjournment: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:36 PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 13/0/0/0. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary