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**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2017
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

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

Administration present: L. Witte, Superintendent and J. Rathbun, Director of Curriculum and Assessment.

Also present: Justin and Talee 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:** There were no Public Comments.
2. **7:05 PM Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Manifest Educational Hardship Hearing. 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. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
3. **Public Session: MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to seal the 7:05 PM September 5, 2017 Non-Public Meeting Minutes until 2027. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**
4. **MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:**
5. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**
 - a. **Student Representative Report:** Justin Bemis explained he has been on the Student Government for 4 years, the President of the Student Body and was asked to be the representative on the Board. Talee is the Vice President of her class, asked to be a representative on the Board and very eager to learn.
 - b. **Superintendent’s Report:**
 - i. **Long Range Planning Committee Conclusion:** B. Bohannon handed out the bullet points from the Long Range Committee to the Board. He read the original motion approved by the Board. The committee met every other week and the attendance declined each week. The committee came up with three ideas as well as

others. They would suggest building a central K-6 or K-8, giving local control to the towns for their elementary schools and to change the current footprint of the District. The committee never came to a decision due to the lack of attendance. It was recommended to table the Long Range Committee. L. Witte explained Gilsum, Emerson and some of the MS/HS will be having a building evaluation and assessment. Troy and Cutler have already been done. N. Mosher would like to hear from the administrators after all the school reports are complete. **MOTION:** R. Colbert **MOVED** to disband the Long Range Ad Hoc Committee. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **DISCUSSION:** B. Bohannon commented there is no value in continuing to meet. R. Colbert asked after all the reports are complete what is the next step? The SAU will notify the members of the committee disbanding. The members will not be surprised to disband the committee. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

ii. Local Critical Shortage Declaration-Health: L. Witte explained there is a shortage in the area of health and she would like to request from the Department of Education to hire an intern license health position with health credentials to fill the position due to a local critical shortage. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to approve the request for the Health Position as presented by L. Witte under the local critical shortage status. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

iii. Monadnock Regional Compliance Monitoring Close out Letter: C. Woods informed the Board the District has received a letter from the DOE regarding the areas of Special Education Compliance. It states that all areas of noncompliance have been corrected. W. Wright commended C. Woods and her staff. For the past 11 years the District has not been in compliance and now it is. A lot of work went into this.

iv. Out of State Field Trip Request: **MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to approve the Field Trip to Paris and Barcelona on April 19, 2017-April 28, 2017. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

L. Witte informed the Board there were 1719 students enrolled on August 24, 2017 and today there are 1670 students enrolled. It is a moving target. The official number is on October 1, 2017.

v. Teaching Position(s)-MRMHS: L. Witte explained there is a need for a .5 English teaching position at the HS. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to approve the hiring of the .5 Part Time English position at the HS. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

c. Business Administrator's Report: J. Fortson is not at the meeting tonight. L. Witte explained the budget timeline is complete. The administrators are meeting with L. Witte and J. Fortson to go over their proposed budgets. The Board and the Budget Committee will be meeting in November for the joint session. W. Wright would like to thank J. Fortson for the MS24 and MS25 being completed so early.

d. Board Chair Report: L. Steadman welcomed B. Bohannon as the new Swanzey Board Member replacing M. Blair. Congratulation, L. Witte for recently purchased a home closer to the District. The Board is invited to participate in the NEASC visit on September 24, 2017.

MOTION: N. Moriarty **MOVED** to add the vehicle bid request to the agenda. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.** D. LaPointe presented 2 bids to the Board for a truck. One bid was from Walier and the other from Fairfield's. **MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to give discretion to D. LaPointe along with J. Fortson to accept one of the two bids for a truck as presented tonight. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.** R. Colbert explained he was at MTC and it looks great. D. LaPointe and his staff did a great job and it was ready for the student's first day of school.

e. Update from Troy Playground Committee: J. Fortson is not present to give a report. D. Stone did say new toys have been delivered. J. Fortson will give a report at the next meeting.

f. Committee Reports:

i. Posting of Committee Meetings: S. Peters explained why the meetings are double posted. L. Witte explained everyone has been added to the committee calendar in Google. She said to subscribe to that.

ii. Education Committee: B. Tatro reported J. Rathbun is chairing the Homework Committee and A. Salzmann is chairing the Teacher Evaluation Committee. **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the Education Committee Charter as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 10.804/0/1.075/1.121. **Motion passes.**

iii. Policy Committee: S. Peters reported the committee will be electing a new chair at the next meeting on September 26, 2017.

iv. Technology Committee: S. Peters commented the committee has not done much since the fall. They are working slowly. N. Richardson has taken the reigns of technology. We are not driving the need. We need to look at the charter and get new members. N. Mosher would suggest dissolving the Technology Committee and making it part of the Finance/Facilities Committee. S. Peters would like to make sure technology is part of that committee. L. Steadman would like to break off the Finance/Facilities Committee if Technology is dissolved. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to dissolve the Technology Committee. **SECOND:** N. Mosher **VOTE:** 8.925/2.953/0/1.121. **Motion passes.** It was commented let the Finance/Facilities decide if they will separate the committees.

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v. **CRC:** S. Peters reported the committee met tonight at 5:00 PM. They will be discussing the role of the committee. The committee is not making progress. We need the media information position. We need a full Board conversation. It is difficult to have the meeting on a Board night and in the SAU conference room. The committee would like to change the night and the place.

g. **Other: MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to appoint B. Bohannon as the Budget Committee Representative. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **VOTE:** 10.804/0/1.075/1.121. **Motion passes.**

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. **Approval of the Manifest: MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the 2017-2018 Manifest in the amount of \$ 1,574,944.86. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

b. **Approval of the Manifest: MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the 2016-2017 Manifest in the amount of \$ 31,577.23. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

c. **Approval of the August 8, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the August 8, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 10.757/0/1.121/1.121. **Motion passes.**

7. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

1. **Troy Playground**
2. **Negotiations Update**
3. **CRC Discussion**

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** D. Coffman of Swanzezy commented on the issue of not being able to see the dates and times for the committee meetings. He suggested each committee focus on one item to accomplish. Do not have a long list of items that will not get completed. Find out what the deficiencies are in the education system. He also commented that we need to change the structure of the District. We have too many buildings. The staff and students are excited about the new principal.

9. **9:00 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 you Board, Committee or Subcommittee. **SECOND:** S. Peters **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

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10. Public Session: MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** to seal the Manifest Educational Hardship Vote from September 5, 2017, 9:00 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes until 2027. **SECOND:** R. Colbert. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** to seal the portion of the September 5, 2017 9:00 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes related to the Grievance Hearing until the completion of litigations related to the former employee. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

11. Adjournment: MOTION: R. Colbert **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:30 PM. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 11.879/0/0/1.121. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary