

**Monadnock Regional School District  
Education/Technology Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 2020  
Zoom Virtual Meeting, Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Winston Wright and S. Peters. **Absent:** Dan LeClair and Betty Tatro.

**Also Present:** J. Rathbun, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, C. Woods, Special Education Director and Chris Czifrik, Director of Technology.

**1. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

C. Czifrik explained the yearly Chromebooks have been shipped. We had ordered the Chromebooks in July. This is the yearly batch we order for the new 9th graders and grade 5 and grade 6. There are also 2 carts for the elementary schools. They were purchased with the CARES Funds.

**2. Motion to Approve the September 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to approve the September 28, 2020 Ed/Tech Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**3. Data Dashboard Presentation:** J. Rathbun said he is working on the year to year dashboard. The reports will not be part of the committee's dashboard. The committee had given him the clear to go ahead and work with the company. The cost for maintaining the dashboard is under \$5000.00 closer to \$2500.00. It will not be completed until maybe June. He is excited to present but there is no pressure. He would like to brainstorm and see what the committee would like to compare year to year. The information discussed at a previous meeting would be great but the committee should trim it down in order to give it to the company. S. Peters commented that it is guaranteed the Board will tear it apart and do it 7 different ways. J. Rathbun said we chose this company. A lot of the information is on the State Dashboard. S. Peters said he is not saying to give the Board creative liberty. We should go through this exercise but we might have to do it more than once. J. Rathbun commented the committee looked at Extra-curriculum with 6 bullets and we could turn that into 1. Our Smart Goal is grades 7-12 with a C or better which is proficient. We do want the dashboard to have that information. We do not want to make this cumbersome. Some topics are very easy. The graduation rate is on the State website. They do 4 and 5-year graduation. J. Rathbun explained if a student enrolls in the school for 3 weeks and moves to another school we count them toward graduation. S. Peters asked what is the percentage of our students getting diplomas, with or without IEPs. C. Woods commented that there are more groupings than that. A student may drop out and go to the Adult Diploma Program and that will affect the graduation rate. J. Rathbun explained we will be consistent with what we are comparing year to year. The State changes and that is frustrating. We do not want to

use the State's numbers. The State does not show the whole picture. The graduation rate should include how many diplomas we will be giving based on the beginning of the second quarter. It was mentioned to state which diploma each graduate earned. J. Rathbun said this is heavy duty reporting. This is a full time job at the State level. This is out of scope. We are pulling out a high level of detail. This information is not easy to get to. C. Woods suggested looking at our data not the State's. It is important to have the historical data. Reasons for graduation to be on the dashboard are drop out, retention and withdrawal from the district. Another topic for the dashboard is Free and Reduced Lunch. J. Rathbun explained this is calculated by the State every year. Homelessness is directed by the McKinney-Vento Act. If a child is homeless for 3 days that child will be considered homeless for the rest of the year. The committee would like a total of homeless students for the year and total number of new instances. J. Rathbun explained Transiency can be determined from what we decide. Not sure how to measure. J. Rathbun commented we did not say we were going to do all topics or bullets discussed. We need to pick some. It was suggested to have Transiency with the bullets of new enrollment and withdrawals. J. Rathbun explained we will have to work with Powerschool. We do not have a person to do this full time. That is why we are hiring the company. J. Rathbun explained the reports he presents to the Board will take him 3 days. He has to do it by hand. He does not want to drop things that are important in his position. He wants to be realistic, some of the reports are time consuming. Attendance is another bullet they would like on the dashboard. J. Rathbun asked how deep regarding attendance do you think the public needs to know. W. Wright felt it was not needed. S. Peters asked about employee attendance such as the sub rate. J. Rathbun said do not categorize by the Unions. He would caution the committee. C. Woods suggested a review of the test scores in a simple way to understand. J. Rathbun showed the committee a sample of MarbleHead School District with the new program. He said he might reach out to them. He will also contact the dashboard company and let them know what we did today and see what it might look like. The reason for the dashboard is not to be so specific. S. Peters presented his pie charts for the graduation rate. J. Rathbun will report on the finance side of the dashboard at the next meeting.

**4. Setting next meeting's date, time and agenda:** The next meeting is on January 6, 2021. J. Rathbun explained by February the committee will be discussing the Program of Studies.

**5. Public Comments:** There are no public comments.

**6. Adjourn: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 PM.  
**SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Laura L. Aivaliotis**  
**Recording Secretary**