

**Monadnock Regional School District
Education/Technology Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Winston Wright and Dan LeClair.

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.

2. **Motion to Approve the June 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** W.Wright **MOVED** to approve the June 3, 2020 Ed/Tech Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** D LeClair. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

3. **Data Dashboard Presentation:** J. Rathbun screen shared information to the Board on the items they wanted to track. They tried to make a dashboard but the data was too hard to manage and track. He has worked with a couple of companies to help track this data. The State of NH has already done this for us. Every School District in the State has their own dashboard. This dashboard is the overview of all of the data based on State reports and testing. The dashboard is not an accurate reflection. It is free from the State and they maintain it. The first vendor has an easy to use dashboard. We could create the data and they would create the dashboard. We can update each year. J. Rathbun does not feel it is worth the \$10,000.00 a year. He said it is expensive but the going price. We need a reputable vendor, there are privacy issues. S. Peters suggested doing our own dashboard. J. Rathbun said it is very time consuming. The big issue is when you take on projects and have a lot of hats, this information does not get done. J. Rathbun said the next vendor he is very impressed with. The vendor has pulled town information and they have started to build a dashboard. It is visual and easy to use. It is easy to see a lot of information. Very transparent and very customized. You can see the enrollment by grades, trends, population breakdowns and not just test scores. It will show a lot more of the story. It is a new company and they have data going all the way back. Currently, every time we change tools we lose data. The cost is between \$2500.00 and \$5000.00 each year. D. LeClair asked if there is grant money. J. Rathbun said he would have to look. It may be a possibility. Might be able to find it in the budget lines. Possibly Title Six or maybe Title One. This dashboard is for the public not the students. It is not a major expense. It is great, it breaks down everything. **MOTION:** D. LeClair **MOVED** to move forward and research a vendor to create and maintain the dashboard as presented by J. Rathbun. **SECOND:** W, Wright.

DISCUSSION: J. Rathbun commented there are a lot of budgeting pieces. This is what we report to the School Board all of the time. D. LeClair asked if there was any projection to show the tax base information on the Options. J. Rathbun explained most companies will not do tax based. D. LeClair asked about cost based. K. Barker has that information in his packet. J. Rathbun explained there is a lot of information to be used.

SECOND: W. Wright. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** J. Rathbun said he will be able to come back with a company and a quote as well as where the funds may come from. The mission is to get it up and running for next year but the hope is for this year. He will ask the vendor about a timeline. J. Rathbun said L. Witte is in favor of having a vendor. D. LeClair would agree everyone needs to know what is happening in the School District.

4. Update on Retention in the Elementary Schools: J. Rathbun explained we still retain in the elementary schools. We do have a policy on the books. There are not a huge amount of kids who are retained. This year with Covid the conversation is a little different. W. Wright would like to review that policy this year. J. Rathbun will bring the policy to the next meeting. The committee will review the policy and if there are any changes they can be sent to the Policy Committee.

5. Special Education Update: In regards to the dashboard C. Woods explained we have information that comes out each year. They are indicators but we are one year behind and the information only comes out once a year. We do not have information we can track without violating privacy. She explained there were a lot of students who moved into the district with IEPs. She may be able to do something regarding trends for the dashboard or possibly how many paras there are, the ones we can discuss.

6. CCC Update: W. Wright is the representative to the CCC from the Board. He explained the CCC has not called a meeting. J. Rathbun explained everything is going fine at the CCC for the Monadnock students. W. Wright felt the CCC should be holding a meeting at least to introduce the new director. J. Rathbun will have the number of students from Monadnock attending the CCC for the next meeting. J. Rathbun explained Monadnock can be part of the CCC and offer its own courses. D. LeClair commented that Monadnock had a great Mechanic Program. W. Wright explained the facilitator retired. J. Rathbun said we are part of the regional tech program and Keene is the main receiver. We can create our own programs. It is not difficult but it would be a financial hardship to get them up and running. You have to meet the guidelines. J. Rathbun would suggest a Snowmobile and ATV Mechanics and Body Shop but it would cost too much. He does feel we should try and get some kind of program. He suggested the Body Shop which is too expensive, Snowmobile and ATV Mechanic which is doable or Forestry and Conservation which is cheaper. He would like to explore Forestry and

Conservation. It would not cost much. D. LeClair and W. Wright would agree. J. Rathbun will research and find the cost. The CCC and the Board would have to agree. We may be able to obtain funding. W. Wright would like to have J. Rathbun research it and see if it is feasible. It would be a 2-year program and it would be 75% of the time outside. He is not ready to discuss this at the next Board Meeting. W. Wright and J. Rathbun will get in touch with the CCC.

7. **Setting next meeting's date, time and agenda:** There was no discussion of the next meeting date.

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

9. **Adjourn: MOTION:** D. LeClair **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 PM.
SECOND: W. Wright **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary