

**Monadnock Regional School District
Education/Technology Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Winston Wright, Betty Tatro, Dan LeClair and Scott Peters.

Also Present: L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Rathbun, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, C. Woods, Special Education Director, Chris Czifrik, Director of Technology and Laura Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary

1. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
2. **Election of Chair: MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to elect W. Wright as the Chair of the Ed/Tech Committee. **SECOND:** D. LeClair. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
3. **Committee Charter:** S. Peters explained he borrowed some of the elements of this charter from the former Technology Charter and other charters. It is a draft. We did not have one for the new Ed/Tech Committee. # 1 of the Charter: J. Rathbun would suggest changing "curriculum selection" to "curriculum material selection" instead. The committee agreed on that change. #2 and #3 ok with the committee as presented. #4 was suggested to be changed to the following: "To review and maintain the District's Strategic Technology Plan, ensure that current technology honors legal requirements (state and federal), and recommend changes to the full School Board as necessary" J. Rathbun explained a lot has been signed into law. We have to do this legally. It needs to be maintained. S. Peters is not sure we have the Strategic Plan document. C. Czifrik will see what we have. J. Rathbun explained the whole State has moved away from a Tech Plan. Technology is a part of learning. S. Peters said a plan was to factor in areas of need such as projectors, websites and accounting package changes. What is the strategy to keep it in line? C. Czifrik asked if this is where we bring things up regarding technology. S. Peters said the purpose of the committee is to have this group discuss any options with the administration and then go to the full Board. J. Rathbun would agree with S. Peters. J. Rathbun commented that technology is an educational tool. The committee made changes to #4. #5 W. Wright suggested striking because it is in other areas. J. Rathbun explained. The committee changed the wording as follows: "To ensure that all students and employees have modern, useful tools (including technology) that operate well and meet the needs of their education plan or job requirements." The committee felt # 6 was ok. **MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to approve

the Ed/Tech Committee Charter and to forward to the full Board for approval. **SECOND:** B.Tatro. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

4. Committee Goals for 2020-2021: S. Peters is asking each committee to come up with committee goals. Something that is measurable. To accomplish something specific. S. Peters presented draft goals to the committee to review. W. Wright commented he does not believe we had committee goals previously. The first goal is to review the curriculum update for the subjects in the 7-year curriculum cycle for this year. S. Peters said the task of the committee is different this year. S. Peters asked J. Rathbun where we are in the 7-year curriculum material review. J. Rathbun explained this is a light year. J. Rathbun explained guidance, music and PE. He also explained the cycle and where each subject is in the cycle. He explained a committee of teachers will review and go through the subjects. They review the Best Practices and the State Standards. They will figure out which program they want to adopt and purchase with the Board's blessing. During the Implementation Stage we purchase and have training. J. Rathbun explained tech is an educational tool embedded in music and writing curriculum. The teachers will present their choice to the School Board and answer questions. J. Rathbun explained because of the Co-vid 19 he would like to shift the entire cycle ahead. Push guidance, music and PE. He is not sure if they will be ready with all that is going on.

The next goal presented by S. Peters "Develop a consistent dashboard and supporting statistics for measuring educational progress of any school or grade in a Year-over-Year manner." The committee would like to have ELA, Mathematics, Attendance and Behavior in that order and SWD and SED also for cross cuts and sub groups. S. Peters explained there is a lot of time and data being asked for by the administration. J. Rathbun explained we have been very patient with the School Board. The dashboard is standard for us. We have a great foundation. The Ed/Tech Committee could play a tangible role. This committee can help refine and give a full picture of proficiency, attendance and behavior. Clear pieces of data to measure other than State testing and then preview to the administration. Bring to this committee and then to the Board. B. Tatro is concerned some members want everything replayed. J. Rathbun commented we are jumping all over getting the information. S. Peters suggested having the committee do the work and present. Accept what is being given. The committee discussed the items to be on the dashboard. S. Peters said the education goal is always to improve. J. Rathbun commented on a consistent dashboard that does not rely on this year. Report on proficiency, truancy, free and reduced lunch and how they contribute to proficiency. Have this committee prepare the dashboard. Use the information for the last three years. Have the conversation on how the free and reduced numbers and special education are related to proficiency. S. Peters commented it is important for the layout of the presentation to be readable, useful and having it the same and consistent.

MOTION: S.Peters **MOVED** to approve the two Ed/Tech committee goals for 2020-2021 and to forward to the full Board for approval. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

5. Recommend S.M.A.R.T. Goal for Full Board for 2020-2021: J. Rathbun presented a goal for the committee to review. His goal had three bullets as follows: 1. Knowing that education has been significantly interrupted during the 2019-2020 school year, the Board will monitor student proficiency in the areas of ELA and Math. 2. Students in the MRSD will demonstrate the same level of proficiency during the 2020-2021 school year as they did at the end of Trimester One (K-8) in grade 4. 3. Students in the MRSD will demonstrate the same level of proficiency during the 2020-2021 school year as they did at the end of quarter two (7-12) as measured on a quarterly analysis of proficiency 8 and 12. J. Rathbun will provide examples to go along with the goal. B. Tatro asked if J. Rathbun is in need of any resources. J. Rathbun explained due to the free and reduced numbers we have a significant amount of Federal Funds. We also have grants. He said we are getting our ducks in a row and we are posting for positions for next year. **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the S.M.A.R.T goal presented by J.Rathbun, edited by this committee and to forward to the full Board for approval. **SECOND:** D. LeClair. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

6. Setting next meeting's date, time and agenda: June 3, 2020 will be the next meeting at 4:30 PM.

7. Adjourn: **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary