## Monadnock Regional School District Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes June 9, 2020 ZOOM Virtual Meeting, Swanzey, NH

**Members Present:** Winston Wright, Betty Tatro, Colleen Toomey, Dan LeClair and Scott Peters. **Absent:** B. Bohannon and Eric Stanley.

**Also Present:** L. Witte, Superintendent, Janel Morin, Business Administrator, D. LaPointe, Director of Buildings and Grounds and Laura Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary

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

 Motion to accept the May 12, 2020 Fin/Fac. Committee Meeting Minutes: MOTION: D. LeClair MOVED to accept the May 12, 2020 Fin/Fac. Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. SECOND: W. Wright VOTE: Unanimous for those present.
Motion passes.

## 3. Finance Report:

a. Monthly Expense Report: J. Morin provided the Monthly Expense Report to the committee. The committee reviewed the report and asked J. Morin questions.

**4.** Committee Members to attend Budget Committee Meetings: B. Tatro reported B. Bohannon, W. Wright and herself will be attending the June 24, 2020 Budget Committee Meeting.

5. **Projects List from J. Morin and D. LaPointe:** The list of items of repairs or renovations presented by J. Morin and D. LaPointe was presented on the screen for all to see. The list of items was for the schools in the district.

Regarding the Options for the elementary schools it was suggested to have Troy and Cutler attend MTC with an expanded building and to allow Emerson to remain in Fitzwilliam. D. LaPointe suggested a Multi-Purpose Room separate the K-2 grades and the 3-6 grades. B. Tatro commented there are members in the public that do not want Troy and Fitzwilliam together. W. Wright said that would be a hard sell. J. Morin questioned the number of students by doing this configuration as recommended by K. Barker. D. LaPointe said it would be 750 + or -. He is not sure of the number but it would be like 2 separate schools. J. Morin commented on the future enrollment numbers with people moving into the district. Currently, the projected enrollment is flat. L. Witte explained the numbers have been pretty stable over the last couple of years. It was commented not knowing the situation due to COVID. L. Witte said it is relevant for the current situation but she doesn't know what the Fall brings. She would caution in letting the current situation affect our long term path. B. Tatro commented sometimes our problem is we get defeated and we wait to bring something forward again but we have 3 contracts coming up. How can we defend it to the voters? D. LeClair suggested a school tax information night. J. Morin commented the warrant article was \$250,000.00 which is much smaller than the 1-million-dollar project article. She would still put it on the ballot even with the contracts. Marlborough had 8 votes until they got their school. D. LaPointe said it is important for the voters to know what they are getting for the \$250,000.00. We are going to get a plan. The voters need to see the plan that may change their mind. J. Morin commented on State Funding and at this time she is not sure how many other districts are putting in an application. D. LaPointe said to get the \$250,000.00 passed and then get support for the bond. J.Morin said we need to get the support of everyone and everyone on board. The bond is a money savings for the district. J. Morin and D. LaPointe will continue to work on the project list. These items do not need to be done next year.

6. Develop questions for K. Barker: B.Tatro would like K. Barker to investigate the idea of combining Troy, MTC and Cutler and to leave Emerson status quo. W. Wright would like him to review the minutes and see if he would like us to do something different in his opinion. W. Wright commented he does not see that anything will pass in Fitzwilliam. He would like to have the contracts pass. He would suggest working with K. Barker and getting it passed next year. B. Tatro asked members to think of questions for K. Barker. J. Morin will check his availability to attend a meeting. She also said K. Barker is a quality guy and would like to stick with him. J.Morin, W. Wright and D. LeClair agreed. D. LaPointe leaves the meeting.

7. Policy Book D and Policy Book F for review: B. Tatro explained to the group she has not reviewed the policies. C. Toomey explained there are not only 2 policies but 2 policy books. B. Tatro does not feel that the committee is prepared to review the Books. She will put this on the next agenda. She will reach out to S. Peters. L. Witte

explained K. Noonan is the Policy Chair and she could help. B. Tatro would like to know the process either to send the reviewed policy to the Board or to the Policy Committee.

**8. Setting next meeting's date, time and agenda:** The committee will discuss the following at the July 14, 2020 meeting:

- 1. List of projects from J. Morin and D. LaPointe
- 2. Monthly Report
- 3. Book D
- 4. August 1, 2020 CIP

9. Adjourn: MOTION: D. LeClair MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.SECOND: C. Toomey VOTE: Unanimous for those present. Motion passes.

## Respectfully submitted,

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