

Approved Minutes
MONADNOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA
October 20, 2009
Gilsum Elementary School, Gilsum, NH

Present: Jane Fortson, James Carnie, Eric Stanley, Ed Jacod, Tim Aho, Bruce Barlow, William Felton, Gene White, Lisa Carpenter and Winston Wright. **Absent:** Richard Thackston, Robert Smith, Phyllis Peterson and Unassigned seats from Roxbury and Surry.

Also Present: K.Dassau, Superintendent, D. Hodgdon, Assistant Superintendent and E. Wammack, Business Manager. Principals: K. Craig, D. Mousette, B. Tatro, B. Pickering and L. Sutton.

“The goal of the Monadnock Regional School Board is to improve student achievement. “

The Keene Sentinel is recording the meeting.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION:** W. Felton **MOVED** to accept October 6, 2009 School Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 10.736/0/0/4.264. **Motion passes.**
2. **STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT:** No report.
3. **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** D. Mousette welcomed the Board and the public to Gilsum. He thanked the staff for the wonderful refreshments provided.

B. Tatro and K. Craig reported on the finishing of the NECAP testing.

D. Mousette invited the Board and the public on November 10, 2009 to the Veteran’s Day celebration.

W. Wright reported that he had attended Harvest Night at Emerson Elementary and it was a great night.

Public Comments: W. Hasbrouck, selectmen from Gilsum thanked B. Barlow and the CRC for the meeting with the Select Board of Gilsum. He also thanked E. Jacod for keeping the Gilsum Select Board up to date regarding the School District. He asked about the MS24 forms. He would encourage the SAU to get the forms to the State sooner.

T. Aho of Sullivan commented on the Sullivan/Gilsum Study. He spoke regarding the survey that he sent out to the residence of Sullivan. A majority of the people said that they would like single grade classrooms and the location being Gilsum. He suggested that the Board review the plans for the addition to Gilsum. He passed the plans to J. Fortson. He said that there are funds from the sale of the Surry building and the new warrant passed last year.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Northern Schools Committee:** J. Fortson provided a proposed list of members for the Sullivan/Gilsum Study Committee to the Board. She also provided a copy of the previous Surry Study. **MOTION:** B. Barlow. **MOVED** to accept the nominations for the proposed members for the Northern School Study Committee. **SECOND:** T. Aho. **DISCUSSION:** Some of the Board Members voiced their concerns about the configuration of the list. **VOTE:** 6.085/2.293/2.358/4.264. **Motion passes.**

6. **CURRICULUM REPORT:** B. Pickering informed the Board that his report on the Class size under 10 students would be reported at the next Board meeting. He reported that the Band competed in the 40th Annual Dover Band Show. He shared an email from the Band Director of Dover praising the Monadnock Band on their performance. He would be sharing the class size report with the Education Committee on Thursday. He reported that he has received a letter from the NEASC and would like to share it with the Education Committee and then place it in the Board packets for the next meeting. He reported that the letter had a few surprises and some issues were not a surprise. They would be preparing a response. Monadnock is still on probation.
7. **Old Business:**
 1. **Cheshire Career Center Contract:** **MOTION:** B. Barlow. **MOVED** to authorize the signing of the Cheshire Career Center Contract. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 8.839/0/1.897/4.624. **Motion passes.**
8. **School Board Committee Reports:**
 1. **Community Relations Committee:** B. Barlow reported that the committee did not meet. He reported that they had a good meeting with the Gilsum Selectmen. He reported that the Swanzey Rural Character has won 2 film awards. They have sold about 1500 DVDs. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2009 at 6:00 PM.
 2. **Education Committee:** J. Carnie reported that the committee did not meet. He would like to meet October 29, 2009.
 3. **Facilities Committee:** E. Jacod reported that the committee met and discussed the classrooms identified as the J's. The committee discussed fire control issues at Troy. **MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** that the Board accept the budget transfer in the amount of \$28,500.00 to accommodate the fire separation wall, stage curtains and hallway egress lighting at Troy. **SECOND:** W. Felton. **DISCUSSION:** E. Jacod reported that funds may need to be addressed with the fire escape but not at this time. **VOTE:** 10.736/0/0/4.264. **Motion passes.** E. Jacod reported that the gym floor warranty work has been completed. The committee discussed the new stadium bleachers. They have received a copy of a site plan, which KSC used. They discussed the concrete pad versus the footings versus the gravel pad. He reported that in order to be ADA Compliant a ramp and railing must be installed at the Middle School modular classrooms. They did not receive three bids but did receive two. **MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** that the Board accept the bid in the amount of \$7700.00 with a contingency of \$770.00 from Tucker Metal Fabrication for railings. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** A. Schmidt reported that this is part of the NEASC issue. **VOTE:** 10.736/0/0/4.264. **Motion passes.** The lighting in the auditorium was discussed. The stage lighting can be improved but the lighting in the seating areas may be more difficult. The locker room was discussed. **MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to approve the budget transfer of \$1400.00 for repairs to the Mt. Caesar security system. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 10.736/0/0/4.264. **Motion passes.** The next meeting is on October 27, 2009 at 4:30 PM.
 4. **Finance Committee:** J. Fortson reported that the committee did not meet. They are looking to reschedule.
 5. **Policy Committee:** W. Wright reported that the committee discussed two policies. The draft for those policies would be in the next Board packet. The committee also discussed student advancement and retention. The next meeting is on Nov. 16, 2009 at 5:15 PM.
 6. **Budget Committee Rep.:** E. Stanley reported that the Budget Committee met this past Saturday for the group budget session with the Board. The next meeting is on October 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM in Sullivan.
 7. **Cheshire Career Center:** W. Wright thanked the Board for the approval of the CCC Contract.
9. **Action on the Manifest:** **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$

1,142,053.80. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** The Board asked specific questions concerning the manifest and E.Wammack answered them or would be looking for the answers. T. Aho would like the name of the person using the credit cards. He also asked for the revenue sheet for the next meeting concerning the status of the towns regarding the funds owed to the District. **VOTE:** 9.557/0/1.179/4.264 **Motion passes.**

10. Superintendent's Report: K.Dassau thanked the Gilsum and Sullivan staff for their hospitality. He congratulated the Band on their performance in Dover. There is a need for one non-public session.

11. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:

12. SETTING NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Class size under 10 students**
- 2. 2010-2011 Budget-Warrant Articles**
- 3. SAU Practices and Procedures**

13. Second Public Comments:

W. Wright asked about the MS 24 and MS 25. E. Wammack reported that the MS24 went out in mid Sept. The MS 25 should be complete by the end of this week.

J. Carnie asked to have an agenda item in non-public regarding the SAU contracts and the SAU budget. The Board should be prepared prior to the November SAU Board Meeting. **MOTION:** J. Carnie. **MOVED** to direct the Chair to contact the attorney on the proper procedures on how to deal with the SAU contracts and SAU Budget in public or non-public session. **SECOND:** T.Aho. **DISCUSSION:** W. Felton asked for clarification of the motion. J. Carnie explained that he would like to be prepared prior to the SAU meeting and to have a discussion on the weighted vote. K. Dassau commented that this conversation is needed. The motion in which the Board instructed the SAU to cut 10% of their present budget was not directed to the administration but to the SAU Board. There also needs to be a level of respect to the other three districts. W. Wright commented that he sees no reason to contact an attorney. He said to put this issue on the next agenda and see if the weighted vote is needed. The contracts are a different issue. J. Carnie explained that we need to look at the issues ahead of time and with an attorney. **MOTION:** E. Stanley. **MOVED** that the Board move the question. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE to move the question:** 6.513/1.988/2.235/4.264. **Motion passes. VOTE on the motion:** 7.264/3.472/0/4.264. **Motion passes.**

14. 8:40 PM. MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 (e) Litigation **SECOND:** E. Stanley **Roll call vote:** J. Fortson, J. Carnie, E. Stanley, E.Jacod, T. Aho, B. Barlow, W.Felton, W.Wright, L. Carpenter and G.White. **VOTE:** 10.736/0/0/4.264. **Motion passes.**

Returned to Public Session: MOTION: B. Barlow **MOVED** to accept the October 6, 2009 Nomination Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.736/0/0/4.264. **Motion passes. MOTION:** B. Barlow **MOVED** to accept the October 6, 2009 Non-Public Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 9.557/0/1.179/4.264. **Motion passes.**

J. Fortson passed out information and policies on evaluations. The Board discussed the procedure and process. It was suggested that the Monadnock administrators and the SAU administrators fill out the evaluation on the Superintendent.

15. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. **SECOND:** T. Aho **VOTE:** 10.736/0/0/4.264. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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