

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**October 19, 2010**  
**Gilsum Elementary School, Gilsum, NH**

**Members Present:** Winston Wright, Ed Jacod, Eric Stanley, Richard Thackston, Lisa Steadman, Bruce Barlow, Robert Smith, Phyllis Peterson, Pat Bauries, Mike Morrison and James Carnie. **Absent:** William Felton, Scott Ellsworth and unassigned seats from Roxbury and Sullivan.

**Administration present:** D. Hodgdon, Superintendent and J. Fortson, Business Manager.

**Also present:** B. Tatro, L. Sutton, J. Smith, D. Mousette, T. Stewart and K. Craig.

“The goal of the Monadnock Regional Board is to be the Best School District in the State.”

**1. Consent Agenda: MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the October 5, 2010 School Board Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** J. Carnie. **VOTE:** 10.6/0/1.2/3.2.

**Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the October 5, 2010 School Board Non-Public Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 10.6/0/1.2/3.2. **Motion passes.**

**2. Public Comments:**

**3. Business Manager's Report:** J. Fortson explained she would like to have the Board sign the DOE 25 and the MS25 tonight. J. Carnie commented that he is not comfortable signing the forms without first reading them. P. Bauries suggested the Board Members go to the SAU and sign the forms after they have time to read them. **MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to approve the DOE 25 and the MS 25 pending final signatures from the Board. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.8/0/0/3.2 **Motion passes.** J. Fortson explained that she is sending the final request to the Trustees of Swanzey for the funds from the 2007 warrant. Then it would be closed. The remaining balance from the 1975 warrant is \$287,204.00. She suggested moving these funds to another capital reserve account or using them for the third year of the improvement plan. J. Fortson explained the \$287,204.00 and the State Aid in the amount of \$630,000.00 could go to year three. E. Stanley commented year one and year two of the project had been less than the million dollars and he would suggest increase the third year amount to meet the 5 million dollar reimbursement requirement. J. Carnie and R. Thackston will sign the request to the Trustees.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**1. Correspondence and Announcements:** D. Mousette welcomed the Board to Gilsum. He invited the Board to tour the school and see the wonderful things that the children are doing.

T. Stewart reported MRHS Special Services received 100% from the DOE indicator on October 1, 2010. MRHS Special Services is also in compliance in IEP's by receiving 97%. A student in the Life Skills received a proficient on the NECAP Science test.

L. Sutton reported the Middle School has finished their NECAP Testing. She commented on the excellent effort by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade on the open response questions. She would thank the elementary school teachers for preparing them. Friday the middle school will be holding a costume dance. Everyone is invited.

M. Suarez reported Emerson has finished their testing and everyone worked very hard. Emerson also had a successful Harvest Night with a visit from the Fire Dept.

B. Tatro reported on a great pumpkin carving night. The Fire Fighters visited Mt. Caesar for Fire Prevention Week.

J. Smith reported Cutler students carved 200 pumpkins. The event was well attended.

**2. Curriculum Report:** K. Craig passed out the Common Core Standards document, which is available at the DOE. As of July 8, 2010 NH will become part of the National Core Standards. She explained to the Board what this means.

**3. SAU Update:** D. Hodgdon reported the vote on the SAU Withdrawal is in a week.

**4. Other Issues of Importance:** D. Hodgdon commented on the Special Education Para Summary sheet. He stated this information is in correspondence with the number of student enrollment. This information will be shared with the SERESC people. There is a NHSBA workshop on Nov. 3, 2010 for anyone interested. He reported the need for 1 non-public session. He thanked and commended the Board for their efforts and time invested on the board.

- 5. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston reported on a complaint. He stated a person who sent a letter which was not signed complained about anonymous letters.

R. Thackston reported on the meeting regarding the MAPS negotiations. He said the meetings were upbeat and very positive. He is very optimistic about the negotiations. He hopes over the next several weeks everyone can come to an agreement. Some of the requests seem very reasonable. The committee did not agree with it all.

The dinner with the Selectmen is scheduled for Jan. 28, 2011. The School Board, Budget Committee, all Select Persons and the administrators are invited.

R. Thackston has asked D. Hodgdon to contact Dr. Felton to see how he is.

**Gilsum Courtyard:** D. LaPointe reported on the Gilsum Courtyard. He hired an engineer for 1 hour. He would like to get started. He explained what they will be doing to fix the situation. This will be done in two phases.

D. LaPointe would like approval to purchase the Exact Time System. This will keep track of the employees better. This is a magnetic devise. This will show how much time each employee spends at a school. This will help with budgetary issue. E. Stanley asked about 3 bids. D. LaPointe commented the other systems require codes. J. Fortson explained this will save time. D. LaPointe commented this would eliminate the paper process.

## **6. School Board Committee Report:**

**1. Community Relations Committee:** B. Barlow reported the committee met tonight. B. Barlow reported Lee Perkins of Cheshire TV said the mixer will not meet the needs. He will pursue the situation more. He reported on the mistake in the flier regarding the SAU Withdrawal. The mistake is regarding the time for voting. An orange postcard will go out to correct the issue. The radio ads are going well. The next meeting is on Nov. 2, 2010 at 6:30 PM. **MOTION:** R. Smith **MOVED** to spend \$430.95 to mail the orange postcards. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.8/0/0/3.2 **Motion passes.**

**2. Education Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee did not meet.

**3. Facilities Committee:** L. Steadman stated the Board already heard about the Gilsum courtyard.

There is a motion to come on the time clock which is approximately \$6000.00.

The committee did a study on the modulars. It would cost \$100,000.00 to remove them. The modulars can not be sold because they are not in compliance.

Monadnock is the Emergency Facility for a disaster. We need a generator to keep the cafeteria, kitchen and bathrooms lit. We have made a commitment to Swanzey. We need to prepare the building to hook up a FEMA generator. The cost is approximately \$10,000.00.

There will be a motion on the doors later.

Mt. Caesar will have a third party engineer to do drawings for the fire alarm for electric bids.

The next meeting is on October 26, 2010 at 5:15 PM. R. Smith commented that Linwood Patenaude might purchase 2 of the modulars. R. Thackston commented if we had built at the proper time we would not have modulars that are non-compliance.

**4. Finance Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee did not have an Education Committee meeting because the Finance Committee had a long discussion. The committee discussed the proposed budget with a 7% increase due to the increase in health care. The Finance Committee and the Education Committees will be meeting on Oct. 21, 2010 at 8:45 AM.

**5. Policy Committee:** W. Wright reported the committee met and are bringing Policy JFAB with the changes to the Board for approval. The committee also discussed other policies during their meeting. Their next meeting is on Nov. 1, 2010 at 5:30 PM.

**6. Budget Committee Rep.:** E. Stanley reported that the Budget Committee is scheduled to meet in Gilsum on October 26, 2010. .

**7. Cheshire Career Center:** W. Wright reported on a great breakfast meeting. The CCC must report to the State the status of the students after they graduate. W. Wright reported on the revised and new programs that will be available to the students. The next meeting is in January.

**8. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee:** P. Bauries reported the committee met with the Monadnock Support Staff. Things are moving nicely. There will be one more meeting before the proposal.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Motion on Insurance Disclosure:** R. Thackston explained that the Board had tabled the insurance disclosure motion and he has not heard from J. Hoppock with advice. J. Fortson explained she recently attended a conference regarding the HIPA Law. She asked about the issue and it was advised not to disclose the information to the public. R. Thackston explained he would vote against the tabled motion. P. Bauries commented she feels that the Budget Committee and the School Board should have the information. She stated that errors are made and we need to have accurate information. It was suggested that representatives from the School Board and the Budget Committee sit down with the Business Manager. P. Bauries commented that the information not be in printed form. R. Thackston reread the tabled motion and asked for a **VOTE:** 1.9/9/9/0/3.2. **Motion fails.**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Motion from Facilities Committee: MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the Facilities Committee to withdraw \$12,149.53 from the Emergency Fund to finance the replacement doors for the auditorium and science hallway. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.8/0/0/3.2. **Motion passes.**

J. Fortson explained where the funds would be coming from to finance the Exact Time System requested by D. LaPointe. The funds will come out of the District 09 Budget and the rest from D. LaPointe's budget. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the Facilities Committee to authorize the expenditure in the amount of \$5939.65 for the purchase of the Exact Time System. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **VOTE:**

11.8/0/0/3.2 **Motion passes.** R. Thackston suggested telling the vendor that the District has \$5000.00 cash and he believes the vendor will come down on their price.

**2. Motion from Policy Committee: MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to update Policy JFAB with the changes presented, rationale already explained. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **VOTE:** 10.7/0/1.1/3.2. **Motion passes.**

**3. Motion from Finance Committee: MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to allow 2 chosen members from the School Board and the Budget Committee to review with the Business Manager detailed individual employee health care plans and corresponding District costs and such information being confidential. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** C. Kahn asked if the Board is asking for the dollar amount or the individual plan. J. Fortson explained you will not see the plan. You will see the cost. **VOTE:** 11.8/0/0/3.2. **Motion passes.**

**a. Action on the Manifest MOTION:** B. Barlow **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$4,387,038.60 **SECOND:** M. Morrison **VOTE:** 11/0/0/3.2. **Motion passes.**

**4. New Goal for School Board: MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to change the School Board goal as follows: "The goal of the Monadnock Regional Board is to be the Best School District in the State." **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 8.5/0/2.2/4.3 (P. Bauries missing from the vote). **Motion passes.**

**5. Other New Business as may come before the board:** R. Thackston read the letter from QED thanking the District for items they received as a donation. R. Smith asked where the apple computers were on the list of items. J. Carnie asked who authorized the donation. R. Thackston hoped that the Board would construct a letter asking for the items back. J. Carnie commented that there are a lot of questions to be asked. He would like to go into non-public session later under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c). **MOTION:** M. Morrison **MOVED** to instruct D. Hodgdon to contact QED and get the District's equipment back and anything else they have that belongs to the District. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** R. Thackston said the letter from D. Hodgdon will get the equipment back. J. Carnie said the letter stated this was a donation. **VOTE:** 8.7/3.1/0/3.2. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to have this issue be brought up in non-public session tonight under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c). **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.8/0/0/3.2. **Motion passes.**

J. Fortson reported that the Service Credit Union will be donating 100 backpacks full of school supplies and items from the District's wish list. D. Hodgdon will be having a photo taken with Service Credit Union representative and accepting the gifts.

## **9. Setting the next agenda:**

**1. SAU Update**

**2. SAU Meeting**

### **3. 15 Aids Issue**

### **4. School Board Budget Items**

**10. Public Comments:** Dr. Kaplan informed the Board the emergency lighting which was recently installed has been used. He did say there is no emergency lighting in the kitchen which is needed. It was commented that D. LaPointe is aware of the situation.

B. Tatro spoke regarding the new School Board goal.

**The board took a 10 minute recess.**

**11. 9:13 PM Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II © Personnel: MOTION:** R. Smith **MOVED** to enter into non-public session at 9:13PM under RSA 91-A:3 11 © Personnel. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE: Roll call vote:** R. Smith, W. Wright, R. Thackston, L. Steadman, E. Stanley, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, P. Peterson, P. Bauries, E. Jacod and J. Carnie. 11.8/0/0/3.2 **Motion passes.**

**12. 9:24 PM Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Negotiations: MOTION:** P. Bauries. **MOVED** to enter into non-public session at 9:24 PM under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Negotiations. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE: Roll call vote:** R. Smith, W. Wright, R. Thackston, L. Steadman, E. Stanley, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, P. Peterson, P. Bauries, E. Jacod and J. Carnie. 11.8/0/0/3.2. **Motion passes.**

**13. 9:39 PM Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Negotiations: MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to enter into non-public session at 9:39 PM under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Negotiations. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE: Roll call vote:** R. Smith, W. Wright, R. Thackston, L. Steadman, E. Stanley, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, P. Peterson, P. Bauries, E. Jacod and J. Carnie. 11.8/0/0/3.2. **Motion passes.**

**14. 10:01 PM Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c) Personnel: MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to enter into non-public session at 10:01 PM under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c) Personnel. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE: Roll call vote:** R. Smith, W. Wright, R. Thackston, L. Steadman, E. Stanley, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, P. Peterson, P. Bauries, E. Jacod and J. Carnie. 11.8/0/0/3.2. **Motion passes.**

**15. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 11.8/0/0/3.2. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary