

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**(Approved Minutes)**  
**June 21, 2011**  
**Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Ed Jacod, Bruce Barlow, Richard Thackston, Lisa Steadman, James Carnie, William Felton, Scott Ellsworth, Jen Labadie, Mike Blair, Mike Morrison, Scott Ellsworth, Eric Stanley and Phyllis Peterson. **Absent:** Pat Bauries and unassigned seat from Roxbury.

**Administration present:** K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent and J. Fortson, Business Manager,

**Also present:** B. Tatro, M. Suarez, J. Smith, D. Mousette, T. Stewart and J. Butterfield.

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

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N. Moriarty wanted to clarify that the article in the Keene Sentinel and the Richmond Rooster regarding vacation days and sick days at the SAU were purely his comments. J. Carnie had nothing to do with those articles.

C. Kahn reported this was her last day of teaching at Monadnock and she thanked the Board for the opportunity.

**2. Consent Agenda: MOTION:** W. Felton **MOVED** to accept the June 7, 2011 Public Meeting Minutes and Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 11.956/0/1.751/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**3. Student Government Report:** There is no report.

**4. Business Manager's Report:** J. Fortson explained she will have 2 different manifests in June in order for the checks to clear by the end of the year. She would need to have one manifest signed tonight and the other by the end of June. **MOTION:** J. Labadie **MOVED** to authorize any 3 or more members of the School Board to sign the manifest in June 2011. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13.014/0/.693/1.293. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** W. Wright. **MOVED** to allow M. Morrison, R. Thackston and E. Stanley to serve as signatories for the manifest. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**1. Correspondence and Announcements:** J. Smith reported on a wonderful graduation and a smooth end of the year.

M. Suarez reported the graduation was well attended and fun day went well.

D. Mousette reported graduation went well. He was happy to have K. Craig in attendance. July 5, 2011 through August 5, 2011 is summer school.

B. Tatro informed the Board their 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Celebration went well. They had field day yesterday.

K. Craig reported she attended Gilsum graduation, Emerson and Cutler but missed Troy. She was very happy to be in attendance.

**2. Curriculum Report:** K. Craig reported on a lot of great work in the District thanks to grants. The work will be based around the results of the SERESC Report and the Literacy Plan. She thanked the dedicated teachers for all their work.

The administration and principals will be attending a retreat in Portsmouth on Wednesday through Friday.

K. Craig informed the Board Jeff Hart has not signed his contract for the 2011-2012 School Year. This is for information only.

### **3. Other Issues of Importance:**

- 6. Board Chair Report:** R. Thackston spoke of two outstanding members of the Community Aram Gurian and Richard Bauries. He explained what each had contributed to the District and how they changed the Monadnock Regional School District. They both will be missed greatly. The Board's deepest sympathy to the families.

R. Thackston reported a petition had been signed by every teacher in the high school. The petition was to reaffirm standards for graduation. This will be discussed in non-public session.

The SRO issue will be discussed in non-public session.

R. Thackston presented T. Stewart a plaque on behalf of the School Board as an outstanding staff member, for his commitment to education of this school and for serving as the principal this school year.

E. Stanley believes the SRO should be discussed in public session.

### **7. School Committee Report:**

**1. Community Relations Committee:** B. Barlow reported the committee has finished with the select board meetings. M. Blair will research to update the website and make it more functional. The vegetable project as a result of the Cornucopia Grant is underway. J. Butterfield spoke at the CRC meeting about misinformation to the parents. The committee would like to take a look at power school to get the information to the parents. CRC will be making 2 motions later one regarding jackets for the State Champion Track Team and the Destination Imagination Global Team.

**2. Education Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee met but due to the fact P. Bauries was not in attendance the minutes are not done.

**3. Facilities Committee:** E. Stanley reported Sharon has volunteered to take the minutes at the Facilities Meeting.

D. LaPointe reported on a power issue at the high school. They do believe that the problem is a wire underground. We should not wait for this to fail. That would stop school for a week. D. LaPointe estimates the cost to dig the trench and the cost of the conduit is about \$3700.00 and the cost for Hamlin Electric is about \$1500.00. These figures are only part of the entire cost of the project. This will be done over the summer. This is an advisory statement. The bid for the SAU flooring will be coming to the Board tonight.

**4. Finance Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee met no report tonight.

**5. Policy Committee:** L. Steadman reported the committee has not met but there is information in the packet. She explained the policy on appliances in the classroom is in the packet but not seen from the entire committee.

**6. Budget Committee Rep.:** E. Stanley reported the Budget Committee will be meeting on June 28, 2011.

**7. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee:** R. Thackston reported E. Jacod, W. Wright, R. Thackston, J. Labadie, J. Fortson, K. Craig and Steve Bragdon met with the three unions and have discussed potential single meetings. The meeting went well and the frame work has been laid out. He would like a conclusion in October or early November. That would give the Budget Committee enough time regarding the budget.

**8. Cheshire Career Center:**

## **8. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Board Goal Discussion: SRO:** N. Moriarty asked the Board to allow him to bring information to the Board regarding other SROs in the area. There are retiring cops in this position. T. Stewart informed the Board that the SRO is not just a cop. R. Thackston commented we recognize this. W. Felton commented this can be held in

public session because it does not deal with personnel. J. Labadie commented we live in a post Columbine World and the importance of the SRO. J. Carnie commented the issue is if we are going to deal with the SRO in public or non-public. R. Thackston stated that he misstated at the last Board Meeting. The Swanzey Select Board will agree to a \$74,000.00 or less salary for the SRO. They will begin separate coding and bill for only the time at the school. E. Stanley commented the Swanzey Select Board invited W. Felton, B. Barlow and E. Stanley to discuss the SRO and stated they would take off the appendix, have a \$74,000.00 cap, revise the paperwork to indicate the cap. The SRO will do truancy for the high school and will be under the direction of the principal but the Chief is his boss. If the SRO is out the Town will respond to normal circumstances and let the principal know. E. Jacod is interested in the information from N. Moriarty. J. Carnie commented we have had a number of meetings on this issue and the \$74,000.00 is not drastically different than before. Changing the 12 months to the 10 months really has not changed in the amount. There is nothing in writing this is a back door attempt by the Selectmen. The Board has agreed on the \$50,000.00. Bring this to the Finance Committee and get it in writing. P. Peterson would like to wait for the information from N. Moriarty. The control of the SRO needs to be clarified. **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to bring up the SRO issue at the next meeting after N. Moriarty has made his presentation to the Board. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** M. Morrison commented we are in a transition period and we need the SRO. W. Wright commented it was never mentioned in the grant about a police officer. We need a SRO. B. Barlow commented the salary came in lower than the \$89,000.00 and N. Carlson said to tear up the addendum. The Swanzey people have been dealing fairly and we are not. J. Carnie commented the bottom line is Swanzey has not moved. R. Thackston commented we have been dealing with this since December. J. Carnie commented it is improper to vote on anything more than \$50,000.00 that we as a Board voted on. **VOTE:** 5.44/8.268/0/1.293. **Motion fails.** **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to allot \$74,000.00 for the SRO with the contract to be approved and negotiated at a later time. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **DISCUSSION:** It was explained a 2/3 vote is required to add something to the agenda. **E. Stanley and J. Labadie withdraw their motion.** **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to add \$24,000.00 to the \$50,000.00 in the budget we already have and approve and negotiate the contract at a later time. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **DISCUSSION:** L. Steadman commented there is a 2/3 vote to consider E. Stanley's motion. **VOTE:** .606114. **Motion fails.**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Motions from Facilities Committee:** **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** on behalf of the Facilities Committee to award the SAU building flooring bid to Syd's Carpet and Snooze Room in the amount of \$18,291.00. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**
- 2. Motions from Policy Committee:** **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to accept Sample Policy #1 Personal Appliances in Classrooms and School Facilities and to add the name and number by experts in the future. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** L. Steadman informed the Board that there is some urgency for

this policy. The teachers will be able to take their appliances home. There is a surge protector that has fried. M. Blair commented that there was a request from the Facilities to deal with this issue. He does not agree with the process. This policy is not even from the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee has not looked at this or reviewed it. Information was not shared. **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to table this motion until the next meeting. **SECOND:** W. Felton. **VOTE:** 4.033/9.675/1.183/1.293. **Motion fails.** **VOTE:**8.617/3.908/1.183/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**3. Motions from Education Committee:**

- 4. Motions from the Finance Committee:** **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to authorize J. Fortson and D. LaPointe to watch the price of oil, decide on the best price and place the order limited to 140,000 gallons. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 13.078/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** J. Carnie. **MOVED** to approve the Smart Start Program as presented by D. LaPointe. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 12.818/0/1.526/1.293. **Motion passes.**

- 5. Action on the Manifest.** **MOTION:** B. Barlow **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$2,062,293.51. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13.078/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

- 6. Other New Business as may come before the Board:** **MOTION:** B. Barlow. **MOVED** to authorize the School Board to purchase jackets for the Boys State Champion Track Team and the Destination Imagination Global Finalists. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13.078/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** J. Carnie. **MOVED** to amend the agenda and to address Pay to Play, 48 hour notice and ending the meeting at 10:00 PM at the next meeting. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 12.650/1.058/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** B. Barlow. **MOVED** to authorize the District to send flowers to the Gurian Family and the Bauries Family on behalf of the Board. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13.078/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** B. Barlow. **MOVED** to add a question to the soon to be outgoing enrollment material requesting permission to communicate with parents by text and email. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**10. Setting the next agenda:**

- 1. Pay to Play**
- 2. Policy to address 48 hour notice**

### **3. Policy to end meeting at 10:00 PM**

- 11. Public Comments:** N. Moriarty commented he has not seen the SAU #93 Start up Committee's procedures. He would suggest the Board approve them and make changes as needed.

D. Kauffman attended the Mt. Caesar graduation and Cutler graduation and really enjoyed them. D. Kauffman commented on an issue with a teacher. R. Thackston explained it is a personnel issue and it is confidential. The Board is aware.

**12. 9:20 PM Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II-Grievance:**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II Grievance. **SECOND:** B. Barlow **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Felton, S. Ellsworth, J. Carnie, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, M. Blair, J. Labadie, W. Wright, L. Steadman, P. Peterson, E. Stanley and R. Thackston. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**13. 9:45 PM Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II Nominations:**

**MOTION:** S. Ellsworth **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II Nominations. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Felton, S. Ellsworth, J. Carnie, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, M. Blair, J. Labadie, W. Wright, L. Steadman, P. Peterson, E. Stanley and R. Thackston. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**14. 10:00 PM Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II Student Issue:**

**MOTION:** B. Barlow **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II Student Issue. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Felton, S. Ellsworth, J. Carnie, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, M. Blair, J. Labadie, W. Wright, L. Steadman, P. Peterson, E. Stanley and R. Thackston. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

**15. 10:51 PM Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II Negotiations:**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II Negotiations. **SECOND:** B. Barlow **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Felton, S. Ellsworth, J. Carnie, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, M. Blair, J. Labadie, W. Wright, L. Steadman, P. Peterson, E. Stanley and R. Thackston. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

- 16. Return to Public Session: MOTION:** B. Barlow. **MOVED** the SAU #38 Manifest in the amount of \$128,037.32. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

- 17. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** B. Barlow **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:15 PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary