

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
March 6, 2012
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

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

Administration present: D. Hodgdon, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, Troy Kennett, Director of Student Services and J. Fortson, Business Manager.

Also present: J. Smith, B. Tatro, M. Suarez, D. Mousette and J. C. Russell.

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

1.PUBLIC COMMENTS: N. Moriarty commented on the tabled motion at the last meeting regarding text books and their inclusion in the default budget. He commented the voters voted 2 to 1 to move the issue of creating the default budget to the Budget Committee. He stated the Board or the SAU have nothing to do with developing the default budget. He would urge the Board to vote no on the tabled motion.

J. Carnie arrives.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 21, 2012 Public Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** B. Barlow **VOTE:** 9.310/0/1.183/4.507. **Motion passes.**

3. Student Government Report: Jill, President of the Student Government informed the Board the committee had a meeting today to wrap up the year. The committee gathered the results of the survey regarding the schedule for the mid-terms. The students were overwhelming against the schedule. They will discuss a plan for the finals. The committee will discuss their responsibilities as well as the other clubs so not to have any overlapping. M. Morrison asked the objections of the survey. Jill explained J. Butterfield asked the teachers not to assign homework on test days and some teachers did anyway.

4. BUSINESS MANAGER’SREPORT: J. Fortson explained the SAU 93 office is in the process of becoming in compliance. She is asking the District employees to cooperate in the process. She explained the employee at the SAU is taking on this monumental task. J. Fortson explained substitute pay is on the agenda of the Finance Committee. She has received information from 18-20 SAUs.

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

1. Correspondence and Announcements: K. Craig reported for J. Butterfield in his absence. She reported J. Butterfield and others are attending Life of the Athlete at Colby Sawyer. She informed the Board the Singing in the Rain Performance will take place Thursday-Saturday. Teacher evaluations are continuing. There will be a NECAP workshop. Dessert with the Principal will continue in Swanzey. The third quarter progress reports will be going out this week. Letters to parents of seniors who have a letter grade of a D will be going out. The Emergency Plan will be reviewed. J. Butterfield would like to have a non-public session at the next meeting.

B. Tatro reported her students at Mt. Caesar have read for 48,974 minutes during the reading week. It was very success.

J. Smith reported the preschool which came to Cutler in January has grown and will be at maximum soon. There are two parent transition meetings for the 3rd and 4th grade parents. There is school wide reading and writing throughout Cutler. Eight teachers have attended a workshop in Bedford.

M. Suarez reported they are team working to digest the MAP and NECAP results. Fast Forward is working at Emerson

2. Curriculum Report: K. Craig reported tomorrow the Education Committee will discuss plans for an elementary summer school. There will be an update on the full day kindergarten. The Professional Development Committee will be ready to report and then send to the State. The SAU office is working very hard to be in compliance.

4. Other Issues of Importance: D. Hodgdon reported the Principal Search Committee did not meet due to the snow. The committee will meet on Thursday, discuss the job description and forms questions to ask the candidates.

MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Tim Shanmitz as of March 2, 2012. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 10.493/0/0/4.507. **Motion passes.**

D. Hodgdon read the letter which he will present to the SAU #93 Board. The letter is to inform the SAU Board and the School Board that he is going to retire on June 30, 2012.

6. BOARD CHAIR REPORT: R. Thackston reported he will schedule a SAU #93 Meeting on March 20, 2012 at 6:30 PM. The Board will need to start the Superintendent search process.

7. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Community Relations Committee: B. Barlow reported the committee met. The green sheets have been mailed out. The Dessert with the Principal will begin a second round. Volunteers are needed to work the poles on voting day. There is no CRC meeting on March 20, 2012 due to the SAU #93 Meeting.

2. Education Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee has not met. They will be meeting tomorrow at 8:45 AM and the Finance Committee will meet at 10:00 AM.

3. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee has not met and will schedule their next meeting.

4. Finance Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee has not met. They will be meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM.

5. Policy Committee: E. Jacod reported L. Steadman has not arrived. There are two policies she would like to present tonight.

6. Budget Committee Rep.: The Budget Committee will meet after the election.

7. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee: P. Bauries reported the discussions with the principals are winding down. One more meeting and hopefully the committee will bring the agreement to the Board at the next meeting.

8. Cheshire Career Center: There is no report on the CCC.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motions from Facilities Committee: There are no motions.

2. Motions from Policy Committee:

4. Motions from the Finance Committee: MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** and approved by the Finance Committee on 2-15-12 to send to the full Board for approval the change in the benefit Health care for the Monadnock Regional School Non-Union administrators and staff to be the same as all Union and SAU employees. The district would pay up to \$14,400.00 for the employee benefit, and the employee would choose the same vendor options as the Union employees. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** J. Labadie commented the amount may cover a single person but not a family plan. She is uncomfortable doing this. **VOTE:** 9.8/0/.693/4.507. **Motion passes.**

a. Action on the Manifest: MOTION: J. Labadie **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$ 1,896,018.53. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 9.435/0/1.058/4.507. . **Motion passes.**

10. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

1. Organizational Meeting

2. SAU #93

- 11. Public Comments:** N. Moriarty would ask the Board to consider past practice when the Board received the policies at one meeting and vote at the next meeting.

K. Craig reported Lydia Buonomano has received the Scholastic Reading Award. She has been selected to be at the opening of the Hunger Games. Congratulations.

10 Minutes recess.

L. Steadman arrives.

- 12. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 7:45 PM: MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Litigation. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, J. Carnie, J. Labadie, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, P. Bauries, L. Steadman and R. Thackston. 11.592/0/0/3.408. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to seal the March 6, 2012 Non-Public Meeting Minutes until June 30, 2012. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 10.898/0/.693/3.408. **Motion passes.**

- 13. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** M. Morrison **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:20 PM. **SECOND:** B. Barlow **VOTE:** 11.592/0/0/3.408. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary