

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
November 15, 2011
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

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

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

Also present: J. Butterfield, B. Tatro, D. Mousette and M. Suarez.

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

1.PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the November 1, 2011 Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 9.506/0/1.227/4.267. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the November 1, 2011 8:45 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. (J. Labadie arrives) **VOTE:** 8.279/1.227/1.920/3.574. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to seal the 8:45 PM November 1, 2011 Non-Public minutes until June 30, 2012. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 8.448/1.920/1.058/3.574. **Motion passes. MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to accept the 9:20 PM November 1, 2011 Non-Public Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 8.972/0/1.227/3.574. **Motion passes.**

3. Student Government Report: The Student Government Representative reported that the committee is sponsoring a family in need during the holiday season. They are working with J. Butterfield to hold a coat drive. The school is showing pride and school spirit as the athletes get ready for their seasons.

4. Business Manager’s Report: J. Fortson asked the Board what amount would be used for the tuition billing for the regular education students as well as the special education students. She would suggest taking action on an agreed upon value. **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to refer this issue to the Finance Committee. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson explained the District has been charging the same amount for 2 or 3 years. R. Thackston asked what students she is talking about. J. Fortson explained they are mostly court appointed students. **VOTE:** 11.426/0/0/3.574. **Motion passes.**

J. Fortson passed out information to the Board regarding the individual town's adequacy aid. A sheet was missing but she will email that information to the Board.

J. Fortson explained she would like to request from the Trustees \$293,373.30 of the \$500,000.00 for the renovations to the MS/HS. **MOTION:** J. Labadie. **MOVED** to ask E. Stanley to temporarily hold the Board Vice Chair position until J. Carnie returns. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 11.426/0/0/3.574. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to allow R. Thackston and J. Carnie to sign on behalf of the Board to request \$293,373.30 from the Trustees to cover renovations to the MS/HS. **SECOND:** 11.426/0/0/3.574. **Motion passes.** J. Fortson passed out a draft of the warrants. She included the Union contracts, Fuel Fund and SRO just in case the Board wanted to discuss them. The information is for review.

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

1. Correspondence and Announcements: D. Hodgdon informed the Board the Boys Football Team made it to the playoffs. They had a terrific season.

J. Butterfield commented on the Husky News Network TV Show. The show was terrific. He reported there were 21 National Honor Society inductees. The MS/HS had a wonderful Veterans Celebration. Collin Fortson made a wonderful presentation. Roxbury hosted the dessert with the principal. There is a MS Band Concert coming up. Marching Band Awards were tonight. The basketball tryouts have begun. The holiday Concert is December 15, 2011. J. Butterfield would like to thank the Board ahead for the refreshments at the staff meeting tomorrow.

D. Mousette informed the Board Gilsum hosted a Veterans Day celebration this past Thursday. The veterans present spoke to the children. Thursday is the Northern Schools Community Appreciation Supper in Gilsum. There are about 175 people coming. The supper is at 6:15 PM.

M. Suarez reported Emerson is continuing professional development and the Aimes Web Training. The science workshops are going on. The boys and girls are holding basketball tryouts. She informed the Board she has received 215 Manchester Monarch tickets to be distributed to the children at Emerson.

B. Tatro reported the common assessment is complete, they are continuing the Keys to Literacy and the Aimes Web. Friday from 3:30 PM-6:30 PM is activity night and Saturday is movie night at Mt. Caesar.

2. Curriculum Report: K. Craig commented on the very moving Veterans Presentation at Gilsum. She explained that there is a lot of curriculum work going on in the District. They met today to look at the DINI Plan through a math lens. They will conduct science training days during the next two days.

K. Craig made a presentation to the Board regarding the new PD 360. This program is paid for by a grant. This program allows the staff to view any educational video clip anytime when needed. All the department heads and the teachers have been trained. K. Craig allowed the Board to view the Common Core video in order for the Board to see how the program works. The teachers would choose a video and then there would be follow-up. She will keep the Board up to date on the grant investment. M. Suarez commented the staff at Emerson is very excited about this program. This is an opportunity for professional development 365 days a year 24 hours a day.

3. Other Issues of Importance: D. Hodgdon informed the Board there are two non-public sessions.

- 6. Board Chair Report:** R. Thackston spoke to J. Butterfield regarding his experience so far changing the design and operation of the building as the vision of the Board last year. He will come to a Board meeting in December looking for reinforcement from the Board following the framework as laid out by the Board.

7. School Committee Report:

1. Community Relations Committee: B. Barlow informed the Board the committee met tonight. The committee met in Roxbury for dessert with the principal. There were 3 selectmen, students and 4 adults in attendance. It was a successful discussion. R. Thackston and B. Barlow met with the DOE regarding the MPR at Mt. Caesar. The issue will next go to the governor. The Sentinel has published B. Barlow and R. Thackston's letters. The article about the Football Team in the Sentinel was very bad. The next CRC meeting is prior to the next Board meeting.

2. Education Committee Report: P. Bauries informed the Board the committee reviewed the PD 360 program. The committee discussed the Fast Forward, which is not complete but N. Richardson is moving on it. J. Butterfield spoke on issues with the CCC transportation. They discussed grades for work habits in the classroom. The committee discussed the probation status being removed and everyone is pleased. The next meeting is on Nov. 30 at 10:30 AM.

3. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley reported the final inspection of the Mt. Caesar alarm system is complete. The completion of Year Two is a week away. It was explained a bit of money could be saved on the architect fees for Year Three. The electrical update at the high school is delayed. The bulb replacements in all the elementary schools should be complete by the end of the week. There is a new fence at Mt. Caesar. Year 4 of the renovations is being discussed. The Health and Safety Warrant might include the Cutler and Emerson roofs, which will be taken up at the next meeting. The District has purchased a boiler on ebay for \$1500.00. The washer and dryer have been purchased. The next meeting is on Nov. 29, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

4. Finance Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee was updated on the 2012-2013 Budget. The School Board and the Budget Committee have been working together. The Student Service providers benefits have been discussed and will be

addressed at the next meeting. Ralph from the Access Program proposed the involvement of Cutler, Mt. Caesar and Emerson with a total of 800-1000 students with a special warrant article up to \$424,000.00-\$450,000.00 which will be offset by the C21 Grant but the funds need to be raised and appropriated first. There was no action. The committee felt they needed more information. J. Fortson reported on the monthly expense report. There are two line item transfers later tonight.

5. Policy Committee:

6. Budget Committee Rep.: The next Budget Committee Meeting is on November 22, 2011.

7. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee: P. Bauries reported the three Unions continue to meet with the committee aggressively. MESSA met with the committee today and the meeting was very productive. At the next meeting the committee will have school care information. The meetings are moving along nicely.

8. CCC:

8. OLD BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motions from Facilities Committee:

2. Motions from the Education Committee: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** on behalf of the Education Committee to recommend to the full Board appreciation for the efforts by the staff and teachers for all the hard work done to get removed from probationary status and propose a luncheon for the staff meeting up to \$150.00. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **VOTE:** 11.426/0/0/3.574. **Motion passes.**

3. Motions from the Finance Committee: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to transfer \$50,000.00 from the Special Education Account to the Homeless Transportation Account. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 11.426/0/0/3.574. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: W. Wright **MOVED** to transfer \$2000.00 from the Mt. Caesar electricity account to the water testing account, to transfer \$1000.00 from the Emerson electricity account to the water testing account, to transfer \$1500.00 from the Troy electricity account to the water testing account and to transfer \$2000.00 from the High School electricity account to the water testing account. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.426/0/0/3.574. **Motion passes.**

- a. **Action on the Manifest: MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$2,125,767.34. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 11.426/0/0/3.574. **Motion passes.**

4. **Other New Business as may come before the Board:**

10. **Setting the next agenda:**

1. **J. Butterfield Presentation**
2. **Board Goals**
3. **Warrant Articles (Old Business)**

11. **Public Comments: 10 Minute recess.**

12. **8:46 PM Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II Personnel:**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II Personnel. **SECOND:** B. Barlow **VOTE:** W. Wright, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, S. Ellsworth, P. Bauries, P. Peterson, J. Labadie, E. Stanley, W. Felton, E. Jacod and R. Thackston. **VOTE:** 11.426/0/0/3.574. **Motion passes.**

13. **9:20 PM Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II Considering**

Advice of the Attorney: MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II Considering Advice of the Attorney. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** W. Wright, P. Peterson, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, S. Ellsworth, P. Bauries, J. Labadie, E. Stanley, W. Felton, E. Jacod and R. Thackston. **Motion passes.**

14. **Return to Public Session:** It was explained the principals have given out letters to parents who have not returned their child's information regarding their residency.

MOTION: E. Jacod. **MOVED** to seal the November 15, 2011 9:20 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes until June 30, 2012. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 11.426/0/0/3.574. **Motion passes.**

15. **Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** B. Barlow. **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:35 PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 11.426/0/0/3.574. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary