

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Non-Approved Minutes)
September 6, 2011
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

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

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

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

“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. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 16, 2011 Public Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 12.609/0/0/2.391. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the 3 sets of August 16, 2011 Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 11.551/0/1.050/2.391. **Motion passes.**

- 3. Student Government Report:** Jill McLeavy the Student Government President informed the Board that the committee met. They discussed the new policies and new changes with J. Butterfield. They discussed the time between classes, the lockers being closer to the first period class and the fact that students cannot stay after school for no reason. During lunch the students will have an intervention time. They will have their lunch for 25 minutes and intervention for 25 minutes. Any help they need they can get it at that time. She explained the students enjoy the presence of the SRO. She also said J. Butterfield is working very hard and is very visible in the school. E. Jacod commented he worked with Jill during the principal search and he is looking for to working with her as the student representative. M. Blair asked Jill to inform the Board when the committee will be meeting. She will email the schedule to D. Hodgdon.

- 4. Business Manager’s Report:** J. Fortson passed out the proposed budget schedule to the Board. **MOTION:** J. Labadie **MOVED** to accept the budget schedule as submitted subject to clarification on the March 6, 2011 date. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.** J. Fortson informed the Board there will be about \$652,000.00 unexpended for the 2010-2011 school year. She would like to

take \$184,845.00 to cover the 2010 deficit. She explained she is still collecting revenue. **MOTION:** J. Labadie. **MOVED** to cover the \$184,845.00 deficit from the 2010 year. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

1. Correspondence and Announcements:

B. Tatro reported the sprinkler and alarm system is almost complete. Visitors now need to get admitted to the building.

J. Smith reported there are about 230 students attending Cutler. He reported Open House was well attended. They had the annual roll out which explained the expectation of the coming year. They have scheduled the MAPS testing.

D. Mousette thanked the maintenance people for their work on the building, it looks great. Sept. 14 is Open House and an ice cream social.

M. Suarez reported Emerson has had a great start. There are 214 students and kindergarten is going well. Emerson has a large first grade class. They have a plan. They are inviting the parents of first graders to the school to inform them of the plan. MAPS testing will begin next week.

D. Dahl reported Troy has 150 students and the school year has opened on a positive note. Open House is Monday at 7:00 PM. He explained that he has several new staff from other buildings in the District. He is looking forward to a great year. There are 25 students in kindergarten and there are two classrooms.

J. Butterfield reported he has had a busy but smooth opening at the high school. He informed the Board the Department Chairs met for 2 and ½ days. They reviewed professional expectations of the teachers, what is expected. There was an open assembly with the students to remind them the value of their education and the cost of education. The theme was to do the right thing and save people a lot of time. They will be discussing the 50th anniversary of the school on Monday. Homecoming is October 1, 2011 and he hopes the Board can join in. Dessert with J. Butterfield is scheduled on Thursday in Fitzwilliam. He will be meeting with all the towns until December.

D. Hodgdon thanked the principals and staff for a positive start to the school year.

2. Curriculum Report: K. Craig reported on the curriculum work being done by the staff. She passed out the resource information to the Board. She explained the staff had to cancel one of the workshops due to Hurricane Irene. She explained the PLC and the RTI. She included a list of the staff members who go beyond the classroom and contribute their time.

D. Hodgdon thanked K. Craig, J. Fortson and the SAU staff for working hard to facilitate the opening of school. They are working on procedures and forms to make things run more smoothly. The opening day numbers were passed out but will usually go down. The administration is discussing the rescheduling of the workshop day due to Hurricane Irene.

3. Other Issues of Importance: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the retirement of Jan Parsons as of June 30, 2013. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the retirement of Mike Wright as of June 30, 2013. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

- 6. Board Chair Report:** R. Thackston thanked the audience for inviting the Board into their homes. He hopes for a great school year.

MOTION: J. Labadie. **MOVED** to hold the next School Board Meeting at the Gilsum School. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

R. Thackston mentioned the need for community members willing to serve on principal search committees from Troy and Fitzwilliam. The search will begin around the beginning of the year.

7. School Committee Report:

1. Community Relations Committee: B. Barlow informed the Board the committee has been very busy. He reported Dessert with the principal will begin and the first stop is Fitzwilliam on Thursday. There will be a meet Missy Suarez in Fitzwilliam on Sept. 22, 2011. We are live on Cheshire TV. There is a pheasant hunt sponsored by the Fish and Game. B. Barlow informed the Board he wrote the Monadnock Conservancy NHCP Express Grant. We have a 50-50 chance of receiving it. The committee still needs to do the goals video and the videos on what is going on in the schools. Coach Patnode will do radio ads during the football games.

2. Education Committee: The Ed. Committee has not met. They will be meeting on Sept. 15, 2011 at 10:30 AM.

3. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee met. The Gilsum project is done and the Mt. Caesar sprinkler and alarm are almost done and came in under budget. The grandstands came in damaged, were returned and should arrive soon. The SAU building is done. The transformer should be here in October or November. The work order system is up and running. The bulb replacement program will save quite a bit of money.

4. Finance Committee: The Finance Committee has not met. The committee will meet on Sept. 15, 2011 at 8:45 AM.

5. Policy Committee: L. Steadman reported the committee will be meeting on Sept. 8, 2011 at 5:00 PM and discuss the cell phone policy.

6. Budget Committee Rep.: E. Stanley reported the Budget Committee met and had made a motion to give the number of \$31,777,000.00 as the budget for the 2011-2012 school year. It is an attempt to get the cost per pupil closer to the State average.

7. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee has met with the 3 union groups. There is a tentative schedule of 4 meetings with each union.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Goals: Per Pupil Cost Direction & Facilities: Information was passed out to the Board. The goal is to operate within the \$1 million-per-year warrant plus the health and safety. The wish list would be for a MPR at Mt. Caesar, upgrade the electrical in all schools, more efficient boilers, replace windows, 8 new MS/HS science rooms, replace the ceiling tiles, and an artificial field at the HS. Six months from now would be Year 4 of project, a better understanding of energy implications, a MPR warrant and grant/aid opportunities understood. B. Barlow explained if the District stays flat we can be almost at State average in 2015-2016.

2. Kindergarten Update: K. Craig reported the numbers for kindergarten were given out to the Board.

3. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: Jim Logan from the CCC presented to the Board. He handed out information regarding the new programs at the school. He explained there are about 53 students attending from Monadnock. He reported the State had voted to eliminate transportation. They have been working very hard to lobby the Senate. He has met with the Monadnock students to let them know the CCC is their school. One concern with the two schools is the community calendar. There are a few dates that do not match up. The Board asked questions regarding the programs at the CCC.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motions from Facilities Committee:

2. Motions from Policy Committee:

4. Motions from the Education Committee:

5. Motions from the Finance Committee:

- a. Action on the Manifest: MOTION:** M. Blair. **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$645,254.76. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 12.609/0/1.099/1.293. **Motion passes.**

6. **Other New Business as may come before the Board:** J. Fortson informed the Board of an IDEA-B grant which gives support to the CPI, EH and court issues. These funds would be used to allow the SRO to give support to the students. **MOTION:** J. Labadie. **MOVED** to allocate \$12,000.00 to contract with the Swanzey Police Dept. for CPI, EH and Court. The total amount of the grant is \$400,000.00. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 12.875/.835/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

10. Setting the next agenda:

1. 5 Year Plan
2. Accreditation
3. SAU 93 (Oct Meeting)
4. SAU 38 (Oct 1st or 2nd meeting)
5. CCC on committee reports

11. **Public Comments:** E. Kaplan commented on the fact regarding the uniforms for the SRO. It was stated the uniforms were \$14,000.00 when in fact they were \$400.00. It looks bad to the students when decisions are made on incorrect data. Model what you teach.

J. Carnie commented the figure was incorrect. He commented the decision was not based solely on that misstatement.

12. 8:30 PM Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II-Nominations:

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

13. 8:50 PM Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II-Personnel Issue:

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

14. **Motion to adjourn:** **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:10 PM. **SECOND:** B. Barlow **VOTE:** 13.708/0/0/1.293. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary