

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
April 17, 2012
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

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

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

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

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: R. Thackston commented on the passing of Colleen Mason. She was a very important part of the school and will be missed. The Board would like to send their condolences to the Mason family.

The Board would like to send their condolences to the family of Mr. Ebbighausen. Mr. Ebbighausen passed away recently and he will be missed.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the April 3, 2012 Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Barlow **VOTE:** 11.551/0/0/3.449. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the April 3, 2012 Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 11.551/0/0/3.449. **Motion passes.**

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

4. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT: J. Fortson explained she had included Capital Projects information for 3 years in the Board packets.

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

1. Correspondence and Announcements: D. Hodgdon explained he had been interviewed by Chris Coats at Channel 8.

J. Butterfield informed the Board the newsletter was sent home with report cards on Friday. He reported they had Dessert with the Principal in Fitzwilliam. There were 8 to 10 people who really care about education. The next Dessert with the Principal will be in Troy on May 26, 2012. On the workshop day the guest speaker Colleen Westcoat discussed education disability and strategies. All students had a chance to

go to the movie theater and view The Hunger Games. On April 25, 2012 a National Speaker will be doing a presentation on Bullying to the students. The Learning Fair will be held on May 15, 2012. All students will demonstrate their work with a spaghetti dinner to start the night. The WMUR weather man presented to the Middle School. The Assistant Middle School principal search is in progress. Good things are happening throughout the school.

2. Curriculum Report: K. Craig reported the AYP results were in the Board packets. K. Craig reviewed the results of the area schools with the Board. The administrative team has been meeting to review deep into the results of the AYP. Congratulations to Gilsum and Sullivan for making AYP in math and reading and to Mt. Caesar for making AYP in math. J. Labadie asked for a break down on the number of students and teachers in the individual classrooms. J. Carnie commented on the scores in the high school. K. Craig explained it has to do with the special ed. students. Not one special ed. student has made proficiency. P. Bauries would like to have data for the Education Committee regarding AYP graduation, which the District did not make.

4. Other Issues of Importance: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Laurel Martin Brandley. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.551/0/0/3.449. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: S. Ellsworth **MOVED** the Board provide a lunch for the staff for Teacher Appreciation Day on May 8, 2012. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.551/0/0/3.449. **Motion passes.**

6. BOARD CHAIR REPORT: R. Thackston asked if the Board should call a meeting of SAU #38. The Business Manager will inform the Chair when the information is available.

7. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Community Relations Committee: B. Barlow reported the committee talked for a while with no conclusions. The committee will be meeting on May 1, 2012.

2. Education Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee has not met since the last meeting.

3. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee has met twice since the last Board meeting. The committee has received the bids for Year 3 of the renovations. They will bring the information to the Board at the next meeting. D. LaPointe has been discussing with WV and HL Turner the warrant for Year 4. The Wilcox building is done and now they are cleaning it getting it ready. The Cutler roof bids should be ready soon. The next meeting is on April 24, 2012 at 5:00 PM. There are two motions from the Facilities Committee tonight.

4. Finance Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee has not met. The next meeting is on April 25, 2012.

5. Policy Committee: There is no report.

6. Budget Committee Rep.: The Budget Committee will meet on April 24, 2012.

7. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee has not met but there are several issues that need to be finalized regarding the insurance. The committee will be meeting with both Associations but nothing is scheduled.

8. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright reported they have not met yet.

8. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

1. Sullivan Withdrawal: D. Hodgdon reported only the Sullivan, Gilsum and Troy selectmen have responded to the request to be on the Withdrawal Committee. R. Thackston suggested the SAU office call each town administrative assistant and explain the process.

M. Morrison had been asked to talk to skilled master tradesmen to participate in the Camp Takodah program. The master tradesmen have not heard from the District and need to make their own work schedules. K. Craig informed the Board they have not heard from the DOE as of yet regarding the program.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motions from Facilities Committee: MOTION: B. Barlow **MOVED** to accept the bid from Guyer and Sons for the roof work that needs to be done on the Emerson Elementary School. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **DISCUSSION:** E. Stanley explained D. LaPointe is very comfortable with the company. **VOTE:** 11.551/0/0/3.449. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: B. Barlow **MOVED** to have the Board accept the bid from BDM for the parking lot work to be done in front of the high school. The funds are from Phase 3 of the HS/MS renovations warrant. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 11.551/0/0/3.449. **Motion passes. .**

2. Motions from Policy Committee: There are no motions.

3. Motions from the Education Committee: There are no motions.

4. Motions from the Finance Committee:

a. Action on the Manifest: MOTION: B. Barlow **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$ 1,414,577.28. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 9.395/0/2.156/3.449. . **Motion passes.**

10. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- 1. Policies in Packet**
- 2. Setting SAU Meeting**

R. Thackston informed the Board Plymouth State requires an efficiency study as part of the core curriculum. He suggested contacting the school before the Board pays for an efficiency study.

11. Public Comments: E. Stanley congratulated Gabriel Washburn, a staff member for publishing the book Easter Frog.

15 Minutes recess.

12. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:00 PM: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Student Issue. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, J. Carnie, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, P. Bauries, J. Labadie, S. Ellsworth and R. Thackston. **Motion passes.**

13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:09 PM: MOTION: B. Barlow **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Dismissal, Promotion or Compensation of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, J. Carnie, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, P. Bauries, J. Labadie, L. Steadman, S. Ellsworth and R. Thackston. **Motion passes.**

14. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:00 PM: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Compensation, Hiring or Firing of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, J. Carnie, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, P. Bauries, J. Labadie, L. Steadman, S. Ellsworth and R. Thackston. **Motion passes.**

15. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:40 PM: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Dismissal, Promotion or Compensation of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, J. Carnie, B. Barlow, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, P. Bauries, J. Labadie, S. Ellsworth and R. Thackston. **Motion passes.**

16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: S. Ellsworth **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:50 PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 11.551/0/0/3.449. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording secretary