

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
April 3, 2012
Troy Elementary School, Troy, NH

Members Present: Ed Jacod, Pat Bauries, Richard Thackston, Bruce Barlow, Mike Morrison, Winston Wright, Jen Labadie, Scott Ellsworth, Mike Blair, Robert Smith, Lisa Steadman, James Carnie, Phyllis Peterson and Eric Stanley. **Absent:** 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, D. Dahl, J.C. Russell, J. Butterfield, M. Suarez and D. Mousette.

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

1.PUBLIC COMMENTS: A girl scout group asked the Chair what is the Board’s role in the local government. R. Thackston explained the Board administers the budget and hires administration and staff to provide the best education for the children of the District. The District is responsible for a large part of your parent’s tax bill.

J. Smith and B. Tatro explained that they have a very unique Destination Imagination Team this year. They have children from Mt. Caesar, Cutler and the MS. The Team took first place and will be going to Tennessee for the Global Competition. The Team is asking the Board for funds to help with the cost of the trip. **MOTION:** B. Barlow **MOVED** to give \$3000.00 to the Destination Imagination Team to help with the cost of going to the Global Competition in Tennessee. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **DISCUSSION:** The total cost of the trip is \$5320.00 and it is for a week starting May 21, 2012. **VOTE:** 14.765/0/0/.235. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: R. Smith. **MOVED** to prepare a resolution on District letterhead recognizing each member of the Destination Imagination Team for their accomplishments and have it signed by the Board and framed. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 14.765/0/0/.235. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to have the District purchase team jackets or sweatshirts for the Destination Imagination Team. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 14.765/0/0/.235. **Motion passes.**

B. Tatro explained this team did their project from the project to support the Humane Society and then developed it into a skit and documented it. J. Smith informed the Board the team also won the Special Recognition Award.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the March 20, 2012 Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 14.765/0/0/.235. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the March 20, 2012 9:25 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. 13.768/0/1.058/.235. **Motion passes. MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to accept the March 20, 2012 9:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13.768/0/1.058/.235. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the March 20, 2012 10:28 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 12.650/0/2.116/.235. **Motion passes. MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to accept the March 20, 2012 10:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/1.058/.235. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the March 20, 2012 10:40 PM Sealed Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 13.708/0/1.058/.235. **Motion passes.**

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

4. BUSINESS MANAGER'SREPORT: J. Fortson explained she has sent the MS22 and it is on the website.

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

1. Correspondence and Announcements: D. Dahl welcomed the Board to Troy Elementary. The Spring Show is on Monday at 7:00 PM.

J. Butterfield reported future business leader students attended a conference, competed, did very well and received scholarships. The band had a great time on their trip to Florida. It was a very good learning experience. The high school Destination Imagination Team did not make it to the global competition but did a great job. He had a successful Dessert with the Principal in Gilsum. He will meet in Fitzwilliam on April 12, 2012. Friday on workshop day they will have a consultant come and speak about better accommodations and modifications for the Special Ed. Students. There will be a speaker to discuss Anti-bullying with the students on April 25, 2012.

D. Mousette informed the Board that conferences have begun. There was a good response to the Dessert with the Principal in Gilsum. There will be a mother and son Luau. Staff members will attend a workshop regarding PLC. Sullivan and Gilsum made AYP in Reading and Math.

J. Smith reported the year-end project prepared by the staff is to incorporate reading in science and art. The students will have a trip to the art museum. The trip is paid for by the museum.

B. Tatro reported the second grade show is Wednesday of next week.

M. Suarez reported parent teacher conferences will continue. The kindergarten students are doing research projects.

D. Hodgdon reported Sullivan voted to withdraw from the District. They have asked the Board to form a committee to do a feasibility study within the 180 day time frame.

2. Curriculum Report: K. Craig reported the AYP results have been released. She read the letter sent by D. Dahl to the staff regarding the AYP scores and accomplishments they have made from one year to the next. There has been an increase in the percentage and the bench mark continues to rise.

4. Other Issues of Importance: MOTION: R. Smith. **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Anne Marie Billings as of June 30, 2012. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 14.765/0/0/.235. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: R. Smith **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Jim Qualey. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 14.765/0/0/.235. **Motion passes.**

6. BOARD CHAIR REPORT: R. Thackston thanked the Girl Scouts for attending the meeting. R. Thackston commented that it is better for the Board to take their time on the Superintendent Search. We need to pick the right person. R. Thackston commented on a recently passed Warrant Article. He informed the Board the voters voted to have the Board sell the Wilcox building. The School Board should be sure they do not need the building. He believes if the Board decides to sell the building they must offer it to the Town of Swanzey. We need to make sure the voters realize that.

7. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Community Relations Committee: B. Barlow reported the committee met and elected B. Barlow as chair of the committee. The committee discussed the schedule for the Dessert with the Principal. M. Morrison has received a \$500.00 grant from Fields and Steam.

2. Education Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee met yesterday and will bring one motion tonight. The committee discussed the paraprofessional teacher exchange. They discussed the Mt. Caesar Cutler configuration plan. They discussed the Sullivan closing and the plan to do so. The committee discussed the Superintendent search, a majority of the members are on the search committee. The Superintendent Search Committee will be meeting on April 25, 2012. R. Smith commented that he would like to sit on the Search Committee. R. Thackston explained that would be a decision of the SAU Board.

3. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee met on March 27, 2012 and discussed the Year 3 of the renovation. The bids should be in prior to vacation. The Board has received an okay from the State on Year 3 of the renovations. D. LaPointe will meet with the State to discuss Year 4 of the renovations. E. Stanley questioned the use of the Wilcox building. It had been reported the space was going to be used for office space. J. Fortson explained the building is being renovated to be used for Title One space. The funds for the repairs are coming from the State. E. Stanley commented that the Facilities Committee was asked to do a study on the Wilcox building and bring a recommendation to the Board. D. LaPointe commented the work at the Wilcox building has stopped because the Facilities disagreed. E. Stanley asked if the maintenance dept. was reimbursed for their work at the building. J. Fortson explained the work should have been done. P. Bauries asked if there were any structural issues. D. LaPointe commented the building is okay for office space. **MOTION:** J. Carnie. **MOVED** to authorize the completion of the Wilcox building in order to use the facility. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **DISCUSSION:** J. Labadie understood the building to have issues. D. LaPointe commented they are in the process of removing the mold. It is not in the sheet rock. M. Morrison thought there was going to be a study to open the building and bring it up to code. R. Thackston commented there are a different set of codes for office space and school space. The administration made a decision but it does not stop the Board from making a long range decision. R. Smith asked with the declining enrollment why there is no space in the school. R. Thackston commented that is a different conversation. **VOTE:** 11.592/3.174/0/.235. **Motion passes.** The committee is asking for three bids for the HS parking lot. The committee discussed the trailers at the MS. The committee will be meeting on April 10, 2012.

4. Finance Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee met yesterday and discussed the Mt. Caesar Cutler reconfiguration, the Troy re-pointing and the closing of the Sullivan School. They discussed the educational aspects of the closing. The committee will be bringing 3 motions tonight to the Board.

5. Policy Committee: There was no report.

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

7. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee: P. Bauries commented there is nothing to report.

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

8. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION: R. Thackston assigned the Sullivan Withdrawal Committee as follows: R. Thackston, P. Peterson, P. Bauries, E. Jacod, J. Carnie, J. Labadie and a selectperson from each town. D. Hodgdon will contact the Select Boards.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motions from Facilities Committee: MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** to form a study committee for the use/sale of the Wilcox Building. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **VOTE:** 5.983/8.783/0/.235. **Motion fails.**

2. Motions from Policy Committee: R. Thackston commented on the transportation in the District. He commented there are other vendors. L. Steadman informed the Board there are three vendors. J. Fortson commented at the moment there is no contract with First Student. She informed the Board the District has talked to other vendors in the past. R. Thackston will ask the Finance Committee to look at this issue. J. Carnie and W. Wright commented on the good service with no problems the District is receiving from First Student.

3. Motions from the Education Committee: MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Education Committee to accept the Northern School set up as presented by K. Craig and D. Hodgdon. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** D. LaPointe explained the school is grandfathered for the class size. D. Mousette explained the configuration is not the best set up. A study was done 3 years ago the result was to add a class or two and now a year later the classrooms will have 26-27 students. The flow will be disrupted, the test scores will decrease and the AYP if we follow this plan. J. Carnie commented the Education Committee discussed both D. Mousette's proposal and D. Hodgdon and K. Craig's proposal. **VOTE:** 13.014/1.751/0/.235. **Motion passes.**

4. Motions from the Finance Committee: MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee along with the Facilities Committee to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Director and approve in the amount of \$57,918.00 the bid to Luopa Masonry for the Troy School Masonry Renovation. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 14.765/0/0/.235. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to approve a one-time budget transfer in the amount of \$11,000.000 from the Maintenance equipment account (01-2640 & 01-2690) to the Maintenance Replacement equipment account (01-2630) to cover the cost of the Replacement Lawnmower. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 14.765/0/0/.235. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: J. Carnie. **MOVED** along with the Facilities to accept the Lawnmower Replacement bid of \$11,000.00 (with trade in) from Gary's Power Equipment. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 14.765/0/0/.235. **Motion passes.**

a. Action on the Manifest: MOTION: B. Barlow **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$ 2,021,252.35. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 14.765/0/0/.235. **Motion passes.**

10. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

1. Select Boards

2. Destination Imagination Presentation

11. Public Comments: There were no Public Comments.

15 Minutes recess.

J. Labadie and L. Steadman leave the meeting.

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

13. MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** to honor W. Felton with a plaque for his years of service and dedication to the District. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 12.974/0/0/2.027. **Motion passes.**

14. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:07 PM. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 12.974/0/0/2.027. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary