

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**(Approved Minutes)**  
**August 14, 2012**  
**Gilsum Elementary School, Gilsum, NH**

**Members Present:** Richard Thackston, Ed Jacod, Pat Bauries, Mike Morrison, Winston Wright, Mark Funk, Jen Labadie, L. Steadman, Mike Blair and Phyllis Peterson.

**Absent:** Robert Smith, Eric Stanley, James Carnie, Scott Ellsworth and unassigned from Swanzey.

**Administration present:** L. Corriveau, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, T. Kennett, Director of Student Services and J. Fortson, Business Manager.

**Principals present:** B. Tatro, M. Suarez, J. Butterfield and A. Noel.

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

**1.PUBLIC COMMENTS:** P. Bauries informed the Board on how 4 students from the Football Team helped her with stacking wood. She was very thankful.

W. Wright informed the Board on what a great job the Football Team did at the Cheshire Fair. He would like to commend them on a job well done.

**2. Consent Agenda: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the July 17, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 8.658/0/.693/5.649. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the July 17, 2012 10:30 PM Non-Public Meeting minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 9.351/0/0/5.649. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the July 17, 2012 10:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 8.651/0/.693/5.649. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 7, 2012 PM School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 9.351/0/0/5.649. **Motion passes.**

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

**4. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson passed out information on Capitol Improvement and Health and Safety warrants. She explained where the District is to date. This sheet includes four years. She explained Article Four Health and Safety includes the Troy brick work and it is almost done. She explained Phase Four bills will be coming in now.

J. Fortson explained the Cutler roof was worse than they had thought. There will be an additional cost of \$16,800.00. She is not asking for the transfer at this time.

R. Thackston asked about the reimbursement from the State. J. Fortson explained the District will receive the payments in October and April. The funds go into the general fund.

E. Jacod asked how behind are the towns on their payments. J. Fortson explained Sullivan is behind.

J. Fortson and D. LaPointe had a meeting with Ed Murdough regarding extending the renovations to 6 years. It was explained the District could spend up to 7.68 Million as approved by the State. One requirement would be an architect design.

J. Fortson informed the Board of the Business Office Seminar. She explained it was great and covered many questions.

**5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**1. Correspondence and Announcements:** Superintendent Corriveau passed out his report to the Board and explained P. Bauries, E. Jacod and W. Wright attended the Collective Bargaining Seminar. He reported on the Board and Administrative Retreat. He was very proud of the participation. The group was very engaged and positive. A. Salsman wrote a grant for Troy Elementary from Walmart in the amount of \$850.00 for school supplies. He is very proud. He would like to acknowledge the milestones of the staff in a reception. He would like to have more time to focus on the staff. He reported he met with the Commissioner of Education and S. Browning regarding the Sullivan Withdrawal. The Alert Now system has not been used to its full potential. There will be training next week. The Policy Committee will review the Concussion Policy which is mandated by the State. He mentioned the outstanding quality of education in the school. He mentioned the outstanding program run by Deb Crowder. The students did a wonderful art project in which they did portraits of orphans from Guatemala. The students did an outstanding job. He will report on the SAT and AP scores in September. He has not received the report from Dick and Jane on the Strategic Planning.

**2. Curriculum Report:** K. Craig reported the Common Core summer work continues and is funded by a grant. Next week there is a workshop and 3 Board Members have signed up.

**3. Other Issues of Importance:** B. Tatro reported summer school is complete, the last Drivers ed. class is over and the school is ready to open.

A. Noel reported all certified staff will attend a workshop on common core and co teaching. The school will have an open house for the community next week.

M. Suarez reported Emerson summer school is over. She would like to thank the custodial staff for the wonderful work to the school.

J. Butterfield explained the renovations continue at the MS/HS. The school will be ready for when the students arrive. There are many positive changes. The kids will see results. This is a wonderful thing. He informed the Board that A. O'Bryant the assistant principal at the MS is already making an impact. One year ago the goal was to reconnect the MS and the HS. It is complete. Fall athletics are underway. Summer work continues. He is looking forward to a great year.

T. Kennett reported 4 van drivers are waiting certification from the State. There are about 19 students that will be transported by the vans. Training for Phonics Word based will give the teachers another option. D. Sault has come to the SAU ready to work.

D. LaPointe reported the school will be ready to open. Cutler will be ready.

- 6. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston reported they are waiting for the conclusion of the Sullivan Withdrawal meeting with the attorneys and State Board. He informed the Board half way through the last Sullivan Withdrawal Meeting he completely understood that Sullivan would like to withdraw in 2013 which is one year earlier than the State statute. There are budgeting issues. He does not see withdrawing at the same time from the District and the State. ***M. Funk arrives.*** They should be able to withdraw but not in 2013. The law is clear and takes into consideration the budget process. This is his personal opinion.

**7. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Community Relations Committee:** L. Steadman reported the committee met earlier tonight and discussed the outcome of the meeting on Tuesday which resulted in the CRC having more tasks than the other committees. The committee discussed kids in real life experience and M. Morrison had good ideas with the kids working with Fish and Game and Nature. They discussed dessert with the principal and they would like to start with A. Noel on Sept. 11, 2012 at 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The committee would like the Board to be more known in the communities. M. Blair will be looking at the MRSD Face book. The committee will also look at teams in community services. The next meeting is on Sept. 4, 2012 before the Board Meeting.

L. Steadman asked members of the Board to collect articles about the MRSD and she would like to start a book. K. Craig informed L. Steadman that they already do that at the SAU.

**2. Education Committee and Finance Committee:** The Education and Finance Committee did not meet.

**4. Facilities Committee:** The Facilities Committee did not meet.

**4. Policy Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee met on July 31, 2012 and discussed the policies they will be bringing to the Board for approval tonight. They will discuss the Concussion Policy which is required by the State Board for the next agenda. The next meeting is on August 21, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

**5. Budget Committee Rep.:** The committee did not meet. The next meeting is on August 28, 2012.

**6. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee:** P. Bauries informed the Board that W. Wright, E. Jacod and she attended a Collective Bargaining Seminar today and will attend tomorrow as well.

**7. Cheshire Career Center:** W. Wright commented the Board needs to receive information from the CCC on a timely basis. He spoke to L. Corriveau and J. Butterfield about the situation.

**8. Tech Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee did not meet but will be purchasing the IPADS and Tablets this week. They will be making a motion to appoint two people to this committee. This week they will meet with the participating teachers to flush out the plan.

**8. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:**

**1. Sullivan Withdrawal Update:** J. Labadie informed the Board the Sullivan Withdrawal met and if everything goes accordingly they would be able to withdraw on June 30, 2013. If Sullivan cannot withdraw from the SAU and the District at the same time the withdrawal committee will not agree. . The State will have the final say. The lawyers are discussing withdrawing from the District and the SAU at the same time with the State.

**2. Exit Interviews:** L. Corriveau informed the Board he is waiting to hear from the Finance and Education Committee and will bring something forward.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**2. Motions from Policy Committee: MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of Policy Committee to accept Policy GDF Support Staff Hiring as amended. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 9.586/0/0/5.414. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair. **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy JJF Student Activities Accounts as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson informed the Board that the Audit is writing the District up for having adult accounts in student accounts. She explained there will be training for the new student activity software. **VOTE:** 8.060/0/1.526/5.414. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy JLD School Guidance and Counseling Program as presented. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **VOTE:** 9.586/0/0/5.414. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy JCA Change of School or Assignment as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 8.528/0/1.058/5.414. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy IMGA Service Animals as presented. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 7.825/.833/.928/5.414. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy ILBA Assessment of Educational Programs as presented. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 9.586/0/0/5.414. **Motion passes**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy IHBA-R Procedural Safeguards for Children with Disabilities as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 7.825/0/1.761/5.414. **Motion passes.**

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

**4. Motions from the Finance Committee: MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to appoint E. Stanley and L. Steadman to the Tech Committee. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 9.586/0/0/5.414. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to accept the \$850.00 grant from Walmart to Troy Elementary School. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 9.586/0/0/5.414. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to accept the budget transfer presented by J. Fortson in the amount of \$79,000.00. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** The funds are coming from the Special Ed. Transportation Account to be used for the E-Reader Program, HS Reform and Superintendent Club. The Special Ed. Funds are a savings with the vans. Dr. Corriveau explained the Superintendent Club and HS Reform. The

funds next year would be able to come from Title 2 funds. **VOTE:** 9.586/0/0/5.414. **Motion passes.**

**5. Motions from the Negotiating Committee:** There are no motions from the Negotiating Committee.

**10. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

**11. Public Comments:** There are no Public Comments.

**12. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:36 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:** W. Wright **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Peterson, J. Labadie, M. Morrison, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, M. Funk and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

**13. Public Session: MOTION:** J. Labadie **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$3,241,552.00. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 9.586/0/0/5.414. **Motion passes.**

**14. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:55 PM: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Nominations. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, M. Morrison, M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, M. Funk and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

**15. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:05 PM: MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Pending Litigation. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, M. Morrison, M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, M. Funk and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

**16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:35 PM. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** 9.586/0/0/5.414. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary