

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
December 18, 2012
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Richard Thackston, Ed Jacod, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Mark Funk, Barry Faulkner, Mike Morrison, Lisa Steadman, E. Stanley, James Carnie and Mike Blair.

Absent: Robert Smith, Scott Ellsworth, Jen Labadie and Phyllis Peterson.

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

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: J. Butterfield introduced the State Championship Spirit Squad to the Board. J. Butterfield introduced each girl and the coaches to the Board and presented them with a pull over with their name on it. The coaches thanked the Board, parents, staff and community. She said it was an honor to bring back the trophy. The Spirit Squad has won 9 State Championships.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the December 4, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 10.730/0/0/4.271. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the December 4, 2012 9:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 9.631/0/1.099/4.271. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the December 4, 2012 9:55 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 9.631/0/1.099/4.271. **Motion passes.**

Mark Funk arrives.

3. Student Government Report: Jill and Eliza of the Student Government reported on the Club and Activities Fair which was held last Thursday. It was surprisingly well attended. There were 12 clubs or activities that participated. This was held during lunch period. The committee would like to change the date of the next Fair to October. This is when the committees start to form. The committee discussed student

concerns such as a shelf in the bathrooms. They will discuss the issue of intervention time with J. Butterfield.

4. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson informed the Board the Finance Committee had received a large packet from J. Fortson regarding the cost per student by towns. She explained we are in line with everyone regionally. We are above the State average. She passed out adequacy information comparing it year to year. The District has lost more than \$400,000.00 in adequacy. This is for information only.

5. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

5a. Curriculum Report: K. Craig commented on the Newtown incident. She commented that we have all been impacted and the District is taking this very seriously. She passed out the agenda for the January 22, 2013 workshop day. She explained they will be discussing the Education Support and Evaluation System. She explained she met with River Valley and NE College to discuss ways for our students to receive college credits at Monadnock. K. Craig explained the courses will be offered here, taught by our staff and at a cost of only \$150.00 a course. They are willing to waive the enrollment fee. Eventually we would like to open this up to the community. We would like to partner with NE College and offer a CAGS Program. They will hold an information session in January. We would like to offer the program here and open it up to other towns. K. Craig informed the Board there is great work going on. The High School Program of Studies draft is done and she supports it and there will be a recommendation from the Education Committee later in the meeting. The Education Support and Evaluation System is 20% based on student achievement. It is about what the kids are doing, are the kids learning. This will be rolled out and put into place next year. On the January 22, 2013 workshop day we have invited the Deputy Commissioner. E. Jacod asked if Summer School was to advance students to the next grade. K. Craig informed the Board it is to fill in the learning gaps. It is not about retention. She explained they have received the drop out data, which they cannot share at this time but it is not great. Hopefully it will get better. Merry Christmas.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: L. Corriveau commented on an outstanding Holiday Show. The staff and students did an amazing job. It was a delightful evening. The senior citizens were able to attend a meal and a matinee. We have an outstanding music department.

Emerson has sent in an application to become the NH Elementary School of the Year. If they get a site visit they will like what they see.

L. Corriveau has sent information through email regarding points to parents after the Newtown incident. The administration has had meetings involving emergency management. N. Richardson the Emergency Management coordinator has met with many and we are all on the same page. Each school is unique. We will visit each school and identify issues through a threat assessment. We have already addressed some issues. March 25, 2012 is an in service day. The topic will be intruderology. All

staff will be involved. We have updated manuals and have had training. Some more work may have to be done. E. Jacod asked about the issue of voting in the Gilsum School while the students are in session. Having the school open to the public is a concern.

L. Corriveau informed the Board he may ask the parents and students for their input on the calendar ideas after he receives input from the Board.

J. Butterfield commented on a great holiday concert. He will be asking for the approval of the Program of Studies. He is on target with the completion of the Master schedule. He meets 2-3 days a week to work on it. Happy holidays.

B. Tatro informed the Board Mt. Caesar welcomed winter in the parking lot by singing songs. On Monday the staff met and were prepared to answer questions the students might have had regarding Newtown. Parents sent letters to the staff on how much they are appreciated. A parent also sent flowers to the staff.

A. Salzmman informed the Board they will hold their holiday concert on Friday. They held a parent child dance and 20 families attended. This week they welcomed the new long term sub. They are continuing with the clothing swap. The holiday parties will be on Thursday and an all school sing a long will be on Friday.

M. Suarez informed the Board students had a one day food drive and collected 150 cans. Thursday will be the all school assembly and a sing a long. The staff supported families by providing food and gifts for the holiday.

6b. Other Issues of Importance: T. Kennett informed the Board they are monitoring the progress of the special ed. students and 13 of the students have already met their goals for the year. This accomplishment is due to the staff. L. Steadman asked about students exiting from the program. T. Kennett explained.

- 7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston thanked L. Corriveau for his holiday message it was a very positive message. He spoke about the Newtown incident and that we should not settle. We need to start to fight back.

J. Carnie informed the Board the ADHOC Science Committee did meet and unanimously voted to go ahead with the plan as presented at the last meeting. We need to have involvement at all stages with the Finance, Education and Facilities with this plan.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. Community Relations Committee: L. Steadman reported the committee did not meet. She informed the Board there was a message in the Holiday Concert program thanking D. Crowder and the students for the wonderful work. The website announced the delay of school this week. The green sheets will be worked on soon.

8b. Education Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee discussed three locations for the alternative program. The committee received a report from the elementary principals. They heard about the MS/HS trimester report card. J. Butterfield reported on the Program of Studies. It is not the final report. K. Craig reported to the committee. They received a Superintendent's report. The committee discussed the science rooms with the ADHOC Committee. They had an update on the Sullivan tuition. There are 15 students who wish to attend the MRSD. L. Corriveau reported all the staff had received an evaluation. The Winchester School Board has asked the Education Committee to look into the issue of allowing Winchester to tuition their 150 students to Monadnock.

8c. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee will be meeting on January 15, 2013. The committee has a few motions later tonight.

8d. Finance Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee discussed the following issues: 2013 budget, reviewed draft warrants, number of members to represent Board after the withdrawal of Sullivan, adequacy monies and Richmond, Warrant Article Two Science Rooms and ACES 93. There will be motions from Finance later in the meeting.

8e. Policy Committee: M. Blair reported the committee did meet on December 10, 2012. The committee reviewed policies and will be bringing motions later tonight. The committee will be meeting on January 7, 2013.

8f. Budget Committee Rep.: E. Stanley reported the committee will be meeting on December 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

8g. Technology Committee: M. Blair reported the committee did meet and discussed the 2013-2014 Budget and emailed all principals asking if they have staff handling their technology. The Budget Committee wants a report to survey the people involved in the tablet pilot program. The committee would like a small working team to review the present technology plan and website update. The next meeting is on January 15, 2013. At this meeting there will be a representative for the e books and touch screen to replace the smart boards.

8h. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee postponed their meeting with the Union due to scheduling issues. We will meet the first week in January. She is not sure if there is time for a warrant article in March. The committee would like to meet with L. Corriveau and K. Craig on the new proposed paraprofessional job description and the calendar. R. Thackston reported he had contacted the attorneys regarding the teacher's union and the PLERB has come up with many excuses for not addressing the Union issue.

8i. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright reported the committee has not met.

9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: There is no Old Business.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10a. Motions from Facilities Committee: MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** to approve up to \$8500.00 to hire H.L. Turner for science room renovations. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.965/0/0/4.036. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** to approve up to \$25,900.00 to hire WV Engineering and HL Turner for year 5 of the HS renovations with a portion of the funds coming out of Phase 3 Warrant Article. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.965/0/0/4.036. **Motion passes.**

10b. Motions from the Policy Committee: MOTION: M. Blair. **MOVED** to accept Policy JH Student Attendance, Absenteeism and Truancy as reviewed and approved by the Policy Committee. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.695/0/0/4.036. **Motion passes.**

10c. Motions from the Education Committee: MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** to approve the 12-07-13 draft of the Program of Studies. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** E. Jacod commented that there are about 6 items that are personal recreation items that should not be funded. M. Blair thanked J. Butterfield, the staff and the administration for the hours on the modifications. K. Craig informed the Board that not every class will run because of student enrollment. **VOTE:** 10.132/.833/0/4.036. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** to explore the possibility of our administration entering into negotiations with the Winchester School District to consider Winchester High School tuition students to MRSD. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 10.965/0/0/4.036. **Motion passes.**

10d. Motions from the Finance Committee: MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** that all invoices pertaining to the Sullivan Withdrawal from the MRSD include a list of any and all indirect costs. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION: MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to amend the motion and add all invoices for the Town of Sullivan and any other entity listing of any and all direct costs. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **DISCUSSION:** E. Jacod questioned the right to know law. J. Fortson commented that you do not know how much time is spent on the right to know law. The office has been stretched. P. Bauries commented she will vote against the motion because the original motion was for Sullivan only. **VOTE on amendment:** 7.717/3.255/0/4.036. **Amendment passes. VOTE on amended motion:** 10.965/0/0/4.036. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: J. Carnie. **MOVED** to accept Warrant Article 5 of the 2013-2014 Warrant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the ACES 93 program. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** 10.965/0/0/4.036. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept Warrant Article Two in the amount of \$1,548,627.00 for renovations to the MRHS/MS as proposed. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.965/0/0/4.036. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the recommendation from the Stipend Committee for the 2013-2014 School Year as presented on the matrix chart as provided. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **DISCUSSION:** P. Bauries informed the Board that we are below in the stipend area in some of the area districts or in the ball park. The dept heads will now have to have a full schedule for the same stipend. **VOTE:** 9.907/0/1.058/4.036. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$1,483,602.69. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 9.907/0/1.058/4.036. **Motion passes.**

10e. Motions from the Community Relations Committee: There were no motions from the CRC.

10f. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: M. Funk informed the Board that Roxbury will be filing a petitioned article regarding the 50-50 formula. They would like to change it to a 25-75 formula.

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

11a. Warrant Articles January 10 Public Hearing

12. Public Comments: D. Kaufflin commented on the college credit program. It is a great opportunity. The administration needs to communicate with the parents that this will be available.

13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:40 PM: MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** M. Funk **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, J. Carnie, E. Stanley, M. Morrison, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, B. Faulkner and M. Funk **Motion passes.**

14. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:51 PM: MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II © Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. **SECOND:** E. Stanley **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, L. Steadman, M. Blair, P. Bauries, J. Carnie, E. Stanley, R. Thackston, M. Morrison, B. Faulkner and M. Funk. **Motion passes.**

15. Public Session: MOTION: J. Carnie. **MOVED** to allow the Key Club Greenglow Dance fundraiser for grades 9-12. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 10.965/0/0/4.036. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** to allow the Monadnock Interact Club to hold a Troy Elementary School Activity Night fundraiser. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 9.907/0/1.058/4.036. **Motion passes.**

16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:05 PM. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

The Board went into a non-meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary