

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Non-Approved Minutes)
December 4, 2012
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Richard Thackston, Ed Jacod, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Mark Funk, Barry Faulkner, Scott Ellsworth, Jen Labadie, E. Stanley, James Carnie, Mike Blair and Phyllis Peterson.

Absent: Robert Smith, Mike Morrison and Lisa Steadman.

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.

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept Barry Faulkner as the new School Board Member representing Swanzey as nominated by the Swanzey Select Board. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **VOTE:** 10.729/0/0/4.272. **Motion passes.** R. Thackston swore in Barry Faulkner as the new Swanzey Board Member.

1.PUBLIC COMMENTS: J. Butterfield introduced Mary Shepardson and her REACT Club Members. The members explained that they meet with the Special Ed. Students to bridge the gap, for an activity the club prepared packages for the troops. They collected donations, made the packages and sent them to the troops. They in turn received thank you notes and a flag. The students showed the photo and the flag to the Board they would like to put the flag in the library along with the photo.

M. Blair thanked Dick’s sporting goods, Northeast Utilities and Fairfield Motors for the donation to the girls basketball team.

2. Consent Agenda: **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the November 20, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 9.800/0/1.986/3.214. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the November 20, 2012 9:28 PM Non-Public Meeting minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 10.494/0/1.293/3.214. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the November 20, 2012 9:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 10.494/0/1.293/3.214. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the November 20, 2012 10:00 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 10.494/0/1.293/3.214. **Motion passes.**

3. **Student Government Report:** K. Barth and H. Bush from the Student Government reported the committee had their meeting. On Dec. 13, 2012 they will be holding a club and activities fair. All clubs will be able to let the students know what they are about. The committee is helping a needy family at Christmas. The committee is conducting a survey regarding student concerns. They would like high honor or honor students to be able to get out of intervention and have a longer lunch.
4. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson handed out a draft copy of the warrants. She would like the Board to review and have questions later. She also passed out a 4 year span of budgets and warrants for the Board to compare.

5. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

5a. Curriculum Report: K. Craig reported J. Smith has a new granddaughter and is not in attendance tonight. A group of students are involved in the printing of the Cutler Chronicle which is on line. The work is being done during recess and language arts. They will hold a Holiday Concert on December 17, 2012. The high school students will be involved. Students are collecting books for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. J. Smith will bring them to NJ if he has to.

K. Craig reported on the Summer School. She explained the data comparison which is in the Superintendent's report. She commented that they were all over the map. They made an effort to create a program with similarities. We made gains. We saw improvements in math. We question the amount of money for the program for not so many kids. We did see growth. We continue to meet with SERESC on the goals and alignment. We will continue to collaborate with Keene. K. Craig has met with Reuben Dunkin but there are no great strides regarding the CCC. We will continue to work with Keene.

T. Kennett reported he attended a commissioners meeting. There is a big push to create an alternative program in our own building which would stop out of district costs. The area schools will meet to come up with ideas. The idea is not to make money. There are two districts that are willing to work together. They will continue to work on this and bring back information to the Board.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: A. Sultzman reported the Kindergarten did a unit on the first Thanksgiving, the second grade did an animal project and showed it to their parents and the third and fourth grades are preparing for a musical

which is scheduled for Monday Night at 7:00 PM. Troy held an assembly to say good bye to Mr. Parkman who will be going to the high school. PTO game night is on Thursday. Forty-eight students are preparing for the Spelling Bee. Emerson and Troy will collect clothes this week. Parents and students have a private time and can take what they need.

M. Suarez reported that they continue with KTL. They will be meeting with the PLC Teams. Dec. 14 is movie night and Dec. 20 is an all school sing-along. The second and third grades will spear head a food drive. She thanked S. Ellsworth for visiting the school. S. Ellsworth thanked M. Suarez for taking the time to tour Emerson. He commented there is plenty of pride and passion at Emerson.

B. Tatro explained they continue with the KTL. Each grade met in small groups and shared. They had a wonderful meeting with SERESC. Staff members worked on Sunday to get the Preschool ready for the children. The 20/20 web site had pictures of the classrooms that participated in the program. The children had a small dance party as a reward. Mt. Caesar is holding a food drive through Dec. 17. Their goal is to beat the 735 pieces they received last year.

J. Butterfield explained Monadnock hosted the Air Force Band. Phil Croteau coordinated the program and the maintenance crew did a great job. They were at full capacity for the concert. J. Butterfield informed the Board that he has received notice from the NEASC that they will continue the accreditation to Monadnock. J. Butterfield explained another report is due in May. The girls basketball team opened up with a big win. Dec. 14 is the opener for the boy's basketball and track opens on Dec. 15. P. Bauries and J. Carnie visited the school to tour the science rooms. Progress reports will go out next week. There were 7 parents present at the Principal's Advisory meeting and they had a good conversation. The high school will welcome B. Parkman. The students received prizes from the Fenton Family on Husky Recognition Night. The Holiday Concert is on Dec. 13-15.

K. Craig reported for A. Noel. She said that Gilsum had an all school assembly congratulating the 3 winners of the NH State Essay Contest, Hayden Britton took first place, Crimson Wheeler took second place and Hannah Wilbur took third place. Congratulations.

6b. Other Issues of Importance: L. Corriveau commented that our school is open to the community. It is one of our initiatives. We are getting good results. He would like to welcome B. Faulkner as the newest Board Member. He would recommend Dec. 21, 2012 as an early release day. This will give the parent a chance to get started on the holiday. He would like to start to discuss the calendar for next year. He will be giving copies to the associations. He would recommend thinking outside the box, more productive, efficient and more aligned with Keene. He does not believe that early release days are beneficial. He will not recommend any for next year. He passed out the three draft calendars to the Board. One calendar will have 176 days with each day being 10 minutes longer and give the teachers 13 workshop days. L. Corriveau

passed out the list of pros and cons for the 176 day calendar. It is not a radical change but it gives the teachers an opportunity to work together. He will put this out to the staff, principals, association and Board. We want input. This calendar will save the District \$30,000.00 in bussing. There is no action needed feedback only.

L. Corriveau passed out a picture of the new sign to stand in front of the SAU. The sign is being done by a Mr. McAnney who is a Monadnock alumni. The cost of the carved sign is \$2200.00 installed. **MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to approve the purchase of the SAU sign in the amount of \$2200.00. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.093/0/.693/3.214. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** to approve the early release day on Friday Dec. 21, 2012 at approximately 11:30 AM for the high school and approximately 12:30 PM for the elementary and staff. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.729/0/1.057/3.214. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the Pennies for Patients Leukemia fundraiser being run by Emerson students and staff. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 8.713/0/3.074/3.214. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to approve the Holiday Basket Fundraiser raffle for needy families in the District. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 8.543/0/3.243/3.214. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to approve the Class of 2014 Santa Breakfast Fundraiser on December 15, 2012. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 11.786/0/0/3.214. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to approve the Gilsum Conservation Program. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 11.786/0/0/3.214. **Motion passes.**

7. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston informed the committee the SAU Board Meeting will be on Dec. 18, 2012 at 6:30 PM. R. Thackston commented on T. Kennett's report regarding regionalizing of the Special Ed. He commented it will be a win, win situation. The Board had planned a District wide dinner inviting the select boards from all the towns in the School District. The meeting never happened and he would like to reorganize the meeting and allow the select boards to meet L. Corriveau and have dinner with the Board. We should discuss the 50/50 formula with the select boards. The meeting will likely be in February.

M. Funk informed the Board he went to Concord with the town treasurer, Molly Kelly and other members to discuss the 50/50 formula. He was advised that he should go through the proper channels to prepare a petitioned article for the Ballot. There is no time to place it on the ballot for March but possibly next year.

8. **SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

8a. Community Relations Committee: E. Jaocd informed the Board the committee met tonight. There was a great response to the Band Concert. The committee realizes they need to do a good job on the explanation of the warrant article regarding the budget.

8b. Education Committee and Finance Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee did not meet. They will be meeting on Dec. 12, 2012.

8c. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee had two meetings. The committee reported Year 4 and Year 5 have been filed with the State. The District will be reimbursed. He reported the pavilion floor was poured with a lot of help from Bob Luopa. There will be a motion for year 5 to go to Finance.

8d. Policy Committee: M. Blair reported the committee did not meet. L. Steadman, M. Blair and J. Fortson discussed the Board stipends.

8e. Budget Committee Rep.: E. Stanley reported the committee met on Nov. 27, 2012. The committee voted on the proposed budget amount recommended by the Finance Committee. The Budget Committee is asking for a legal opinion of voting from the Sullivan rep. R. Thackston explained he spoke to 3 lawyers and the member is a duly elected member and can vote until their term has expired or until Sullivan leaves on June 30, 2013. R. Thackston will ask for a legal opinion on whether they are obligated to their portion if they vote. J. Carnie would like a written response from the attorney. He would also like an opinion on the Budget Committee Member voting on a budget that they will not be a part of. P. Bauries has asked the Budget Committee to send the Board Members a copy of their agenda.

8f. Technology Committee: M. Blair reported the committee did not meet but will meet on Dec. 10, 2012. M. Blair attended a presentation in Gilford NH. They discussed the fiction book issue. He will continue dialogue and report back to the committee.

8g. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee is still meeting with the Special Services Association. There will be two more meeting and then they will see where they are.

8h. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright reported the CCC is working with the District on scheduling.

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 allow the use of \$15,374.61 from the 2010/2011 Health and Safety Warrant Article and \$3,224.39 of the 2011/2012 Health and Safety Warrant Article to cover the

overage of the Cutler Roof work. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** D. LaPointe explained this was an emergency. P. Bauries would have liked the issue to go to Finance first. D. LaPointe explained there are extra funds in the account. **VOTE:** 8.852/0/2.934/3.214. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: S. Ellsworth **MOVED** to allow up to \$10,000.00 to be spent from a portion of the remaining funds in the Phase 3 Warrant for architectural work for the science rooms. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** D. LaPointe explained they would be using the finds from Phase 3 for architectural work from H.L. Turner. R. Thackston asked with the changes in the curriculum do we know what we need. Do we know what the program will look like? The issue has been discussed with science teachers, chemistry teachers and physics teachers. L. Corriveau commented that Mascenic has the state of the art labs and we need to look there. D. LaPointe commented that we need to move forward. J. Carnie opposed the way this is coming up. He would like to know what needs to be done before the architectural fees. He toured the labs and every work station has boxes on them. They are not being used. There is a lot of clutter and the drains do not work. We are requiring 4 years of science and the labs are not adequate. There is no clear idea on what is being proposed. D. LaPointe commented J. Butterfield had the prints for a year and a half. J. Carnie would propose a committee to take a look at what we need. J. Carnie would question whether the science labs are safe. E. Stanley commented this is a Facilities issue not an Education issue. **MOTION:** P. Bauries. **MOVED** to table the issue until the next meeting. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** D. LaPointe commented that they had the plans for a year and a half. The down side of waiting is they will have to wait on the work along the windows. P. Peterson commented that she appreciates D. LaPointe's work but has not seen the science labs. She would suggest a tour. M. Funk asked what happens after you table the issue. P. Bauries commented she would propose an ADHOC committee. J. Carnie explained the Board needs to get together with several people to see what the needs are. **VOTE:** 8.144/2.949/.693/3.214. **Motion passes.** K. Craig is shocked regarding the conversation. Work has been done. She commented they cannot be in those classrooms all the time. D. LaPointe believes the cost for each classroom will be \$100,000.00. E. Jacod commented that there is building work to be done adjacent to the rooms. **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to create an ADHOC Committee appointed by the Chair to look at these issues. **SECOND:** J. Carnie. **DISCUSSION:** E. Stanley asked the Board to give D. LaPointe the opportunity to do what he needs to do. L. Corriveau commented that we have the record for committees in the District. He is working closely with K. Craig, J. Butterfield and D. LaPointe on a series of educational specifications for these rooms. You do not need another committee. J. Carnie commented we need to take a serious look at other options for example, utilize the rooms differently. D. LaPointe commented the State has been informed on the process in regards to getting a return from the State. **VOTE:** 5.859/4.007/1.920/3.214. **Motion passes.** R. Thackston appointed the following members to be on the ADHOC Committee: J. Carnie, P. Bauries, K. Craig, L. Corriveau, J. Butterfield, T. Kennett, D. LaPointe J. Fortson and a member of the science dept. to be appointed by J. Butterfield.

10b. Motions from the Policy Committee: There are no motions from the Policy Committee.

10c. Motions from the Education Committee: There are no motions from the Education Committee.

10d. Motions from the Finance Committee: There are no motions from the Finance Committee.

MOTION: S. Ellsworth **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$1,922,955.53.

SECOND: M. Blair. **VOTE:** 8.104/0/3.683/3.214. **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: J. Fortson passed out a draft of the Warrants for the Board to review. She explained each article. Some articles do not have an amount until they are voted on.

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

11a. SAU 93 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

11b. ADHOC Science Committee

12. Public Comments: There are no Public Comments.

13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:50 PM: MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, M. Blair, P. Bauries, J. Carnie, E. Stanley, J. Labadie, R. Thackston, S. Ellsworth, B. Faulkner and M. Funk **Motion passes.**

14. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:55 PM: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Compensation of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, M. Blair, P. Bauries, J. Carnie, E. Stanley, J. Labadie, R. Thackston, S. Ellsworth, B. Faulkner and M. Funk. **Motion passes.**

15. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:26 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