

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
February 19, 2013
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

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

Absent: Scott Ellsworth, James Carnie, Robert Smith and Jen Labadie.

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.

R. Thackston opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There are no Public Comments.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 5, 2013 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 9.716/0/.235/5.049. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 5, 2013, 9:05 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 9.716/0/.235/5.049. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 5, 2013, 9:15 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 9.716/0/.235/5.049. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 5, 2013, 9:30 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.899/0/1.751/2.350. **Motion passes.**

3. Student Government Report: C. Barth informed the Board the committee held a Pep Rally. They recognized the State Championship Teams. They also had a dodge ball game against the teachers. They would like to hold a student teacher basketball game in the future. Members will be attending the Leadership conference which will take place at Camp Takodah. C. Barth is a member of the Interact Club and will be traveling to El Salvador during his vacation to help build a house.

4. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: J. Fortson explained her report will be in the sub-committees.

5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

5a. Curriculum Report: K. Craig reported she sent her report out by email. Everyone is working hard and taking what needs to be done very seriously. They are working on the common core assessments. They will reflect and analyze the NECAP data. She is waiting to hear from River Valley. Over 20 teachers are interested in the CAGS Program. The High School is moving forward

with the writing across the curriculum. On April 9, 2013 they will hold a showcase of programs and practices that make a difference to the students and the teachers. They will hold a dinner that night and hold a few sessions. J. Fortson and D. LaPointe will hold a presentation on the science classrooms, there will be a presentation on the balanced score card, a presentation on the tablets and on student performance. They want people to see the excitement being generated in the school. N. Richardson and D. LaPointe could do a presentation on safety in the schools and J. Butterfield could do a presentation on the master schedule.

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

6b. Correspondence and Announcements: L. Corriveau reported he had some quotes for the District newsletter. They have had great meetings. They would like a May or June edition. He will bring it to the Finance Committee. He commented on the Dinner with the Selectmen. The Girls Tournament is underway tonight. The Musical Zombie Spring Prom will be coming soon. Graduation is set for June 15, 2013. They discussed enrichment classes for the summer. The Education Committee will bring a motion regarding classes under ten students. J. Butterfield presented a letter to the Board from students wanting a class that has less than ten students.

7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT: R. Thackston commented the Board and Select Board Meeting was not as well attended as hoped. He would suggest meeting in October not during prime budget time.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. Community Relations Committee: L. Steadman informed the Board the committee discussed the green sheet and passed it out. There will be a motion later in the meeting. They hope to send it to print tomorrow. They will hold Banter with the Board at Cutler tomorrow. Bring your name tags. The CRC will not meet again until April.

8b. Education Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee met with every principal at their meeting and discussed their concerns, issues and how to help in relation to the matrix. The principals are on board and understand the crisis. We need to change. The meeting went very well. There will be motions later in the meeting.

8c. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee met on Feb. 12, 2013 but they did not have a quorum. They did discuss the plans for the science classrooms with the members present. They have not set a date for the next meeting.

8d. Finance Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee discussed the Sullivan tuition. There will be a motion later in the meeting. She explained Sullivan has a commitment to the early retirement that does not end until 2015-2016. A bill will be sent to them. There is no deed for the Sullivan School. We should give a quit claim deed and address the issue of the oil tank. The oil tank is in need of repair. The cost is about \$2500.00. There is a balance in the Sullivan line in the budget to cover the cost. P. Bauries reported the monthly expense report and the MS 27 were passed out by the Business Manager. She also passed out the Fall Mountain budget. The elementary schools pay for their own budget and then pay their share of the high school budget. The committee received a presentation from ACES 93. There will be a motion later in the meeting.

8e. Policy Committee: M. Blair reported the committee has not met. They will meet on March 5, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

8f. Budget Committee Rep.: E. Stanley has not met. There is no scheduled meeting.

8g. Technology Committee: M. Blair reported the committee had a presentation from Touch it Technologies. They will be bringing a motion later. The teachers will be able to interact with the students. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

8h. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee is engaged with the specialists. They do not have an agreement yet but they are working on it.

8i. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright reported there is no scheduled meeting. J. Butterfield has been in contact with them.

9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: The Board will hold their March 19, 2013 meeting at the Cutler School.

M. Funk asked R. Thackston the next step on the petitioned article regarding the apportionment. R. Thackston explained he has been in contact with the attorneys and the Board will act after the voters vote.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10a. Motions from the Facilities Committee: There are no motions from the Facilities Committee.

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

10c. Motions from the Education Committee: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** on behalf of the Education Committee to accept the eight (8) Semester classes under ten (10) students for one semester with the understanding that the Principal and the Guidance Counselor will be responsible for incorporating any intervention and/or related subject students into the class to bring it over the ten. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** E. Jacod was not sure he understood the motion. P. Bauries explained if there are students that need help with related subjects we are asking to find students to participate to bring the classes up to 10 students. P. Peterson suggested comparing the enrollment of the classes year to year. The word is out we cannot offer classes under ten students. **VOTE:** 9.951/0/0/5.049. **Motion passes.**

10d. Motions from the Finance Committee: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to set the Sullivan tuition rate based on MRSD cost per student at \$16,200.00 and Special needs tuition at \$25,000.00 plus any extra services required by the student. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** M. Funk asked what the extra special ed. services would be. It was explained the student may need extra staff, devices, transportation, speech and language and outside services. **VOTE:** 9.951/0/0/5.049. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to instruct the District's attorney to start the process of drawing up the Quit Claim Deed to the town of Sullivan, and review the 1978 Deed of Warranty on the water supply, at a cost of up to \$1000.00. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** R. Thackston explained to the Board why there is no deed. J. Fortson explained this is the same process they used for the Surry School. **VOTE:** 9.951/0/0/5.047. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to accept the ACES 93 Summer Program budget as presented. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** It was explained the rest of the funds will be coming from the Expendable Trust. T. Kennett explained that parents in the District can sign up for anyone of the sites in the District. *M. Morrison arrives.* It was asked if the Gilsom number includes the Sullivan students. J. Fortson informed the Board we will have to establish an out of town rate. We also have 6 students from Marlow. **VOTE:** 9.951/0/1.058/3.992. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$1,992,999.26. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.009/0/0/3.992. **Motion passes.**

10e. Motions from the Community Relations Committee: **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the CRC to send the proposed green sheet to print with the one revision. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** M. Blair thanked E. Jacod for all the work he did on the green sheet. **VOTE:** 11.009/0/0/3.992. **Motion passes.**

10f. Motions from the Technology Committee: There are no motions from the Technology Committee.

10g. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: L. Corriveau informed the Board of the following fundraisers: Students will be selling treats to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, the teachers will give \$5.00 to dress down, the funds will go to feed hungry children, there will be another American Cancer Society fundraiser in the Spring, a \$5.00 dress down day, students will raise funds from the Fast Friends Greyhound Raffle and Troy students will raise funds for a trip to Camp Takodah at D'Angelos, they will also raffle theme baskets and have an auction in April.

Gilsom has received the Advocates for Healthy youth Nutrition and Exercise Program Grant in the amount of \$550.00.

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

12. Public Comments: There are no Public Comments.

13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:26 PM: **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, M. Morrison and M. Funk. **Motion passes.**

14. Public Session: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to seal the February 19, 2013 8:26 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes until June 30, 2014. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 11.009/0/0/3.992. **Motion passes.**

15. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:33 PM. MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, M. Funk, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner and M. Morrison. **Motion passes.**

16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:41 PM. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary