

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**(Approved Minutes)**  
**January 22, 2013**  
**Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

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

**Absent:** Jen Labadie and Robert Smith

**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:** J. Butterfield introduced Football Coach Patnode and the Championship Football Team. Coach Patnode thanked the Board and administration for their support. He informed the Board they just had a presentation before the basketball game to hang the State Championship banner and the presentation of the jackets. Coach Patnode explained he had received the game ball from the team which was inscribed. He felt the football belonged at the school and would like it to be displayed in the trophy cabinet. L. Corriveau thanked the coach and the athletes for a great season. He congratulated Coach Patnode for being Coach of the Year. He did an outstanding job. He informed the athletes that they are the ambassadors of the school.
2. **Consent Agenda: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the January 8, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 9.8/0/3.214/1.986. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the January 8, 2012 10:40 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 9.8/0/3.214/1.986. **Motion passes.**

*M. Funk arrives.*

**MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to accept the January 8, 2012 Sealed 9:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 8.808/0/4.41/1.751. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to accept the January 8, 2012 Sealed 10:35 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 10.035/0/3.214/1.751. **Motion passes.**

3. **Student Government Report:** Kitty Tolman a senior at MRHS informed the Board the committee met in school on January 15, 2013. Mid terms are going on and the Student Government will give free hot choc during lunch. They would like to hold a Pep Rally. They will need to ask for permission from J. Butterfield.
4. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson informed the Board they need to take action on petitioned warrant articles. **MOTION:** M. Funk **MOVED** to support Article Eight contracting an SRO as submitted. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 6.792/6.457/0/1.751. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Funk **MOVED** to support Article Seven, the changing of the formula for apportionment of operational cost as submitted. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson explained the Board can vote to take no action. P. Bauries would ask M. Funk to withdraw his motion. M. Funk did not agree. **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to table the motion until after the Board has considered another motion on this article. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **VOTE:** 10.858/1.293/1.099/1.751. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** the Board take no action on Article Seven. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie commented that the Board should not take action on this article. E. Jacod commented that he personally supports this article but does not agree the Board has to take a position. W. Wright commented the Board in the past has not voted on petitioned articles. M. Morrison commented we need to look at this historically and we have lost 2 towns. We should consider this. He cannot understand why we do not want to do this. R. Thackston said it would be better to take no position rather than a no vote from the Board. **VOTE:** 8.573/3.618/1.058/1.751. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to postpone indefinitely the tabled motion. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 9.672/2.52/1.058/1.751. **Motion passes.**

J. Carnie asked if Article Seven passed do we have to take action or is it under consideration. L. Corriveau informed the Board we do not know at this time. It is on the State's agenda.

P. Bauries asked if Article Eight passes and Swanzey does not agree do we have to enter into an agreement with Swanzey. R. Thackston explained if it passes you have to appropriate the funds if you can find a person for that price is a separate issue. J. Carnie stated that none of the important issues have been discussed. It says to raise and appropriate. It is null and void if no one could do the position for those finds. There is no obligation by the School Board to fill the position with those funds.

J. Fortson handed out information on the tax impact with the proposed budget and a seven year history of the adequacy grant funds with and without Sullivan. She also passed out

account balance information from the Trustees of the Trust Funds. There is a shortfall in the adequacy funding for a few towns and there is a Senate bill to correct this shortfall.

J. Fortson had information for the Board concerning the unpaid lunches and ACES 93 tuition. J. Carnie pointed out that Richmond has had a huge hit in adequacy aid. J. Fortson explained that we need to look at the formula and the numbers that went to the State to see if they are correct.

**5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**5a. Curriculum Report:** K. Craig explained she electronically sent out her report. She was pleased for the support on the Master schedule vote. She explained it was a very exciting day in the district with the guest speakers and the work done by the staff. L. Corriveau explained we are going in the right direction. There has been great feedback from the teachers on the writing across the curriculum initiative. She has had a follow up meeting with River Valley College. Plymouth State is interested in providing a program for a Certificate of Advanced Studies. The NECAP scores have been released and the administration will report when they become public.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**6a. Principals and Supervisors Reports:** A. Salzmann reported Troy is MAP Testing and the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be testing for Nations Report Card. She reported 5 students attended the Leadership Conference. Troy sent staff to Emerson for a Before School Meeting.

B. Tatro reported the speakers were excellent today. They sent a great message to the District. The staff worked in PLC teams. They have practiced the lock down process. It went pretty well. The staff will discuss the results.

J. Butterfield reported on the great meetings today. They had two teams of students going to the Leadership conference. They discussed an updated version of the emergency plan. They had a practice run and it went well. The scheduling process continues. The Master schedule will be presented at the Parent Meeting on January 31, 2013. Dessert with the Principal is a good way to inform the public of Master schedule. Monadnock hosted the Monadnock Valley Music Festival. It was a wonderful event. People who attended were very happy with the changes to the facility.

**6b. Correspondence and Announcements:** L. Corriveau passed out a power point to the Board showing all the activities and committees in the District. The center is student achievement. We need to have a visual on the web site. The Board looked at the annual report. Eventually the District would like to have their own newsletter. They will revisit the calendar at the first meeting in February. The 176 day calendar will save the District \$30,000.00 in transportation and the funds will go toward student activity fees.

**7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston reported he wrote an article to the Troy Town News regarding Article Seven and Article Eight. Troy will be most heavily impacted by the new formula. Troy benefited the most 10 years ago. It is very important to support the petitioned article. The present formula has taken Roxbury and Fitzwilliam out of proportional

balance. The current formula is not as fair as the proposed formula. People need to vote what they feel. The SRO Article is not adequately written. He believes the concern for the article is the reaction of the horrific events in Newtown. The schools and the children are the blood line of the community. We need to take all reasonable precautions.

## **8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**8a. Community Relations Committee:** L. Steadman informed the Board that the committee met to discuss the green sheet. They will take any input before the mailing. The committee will meet on Feb. 5, 2013. The Board will approve the green sheet before it is mailed.

**8b. Education Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee has not met. They will meet on January 30, 2013.

**8c. Finance Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee has not met. They will meet on January 30, 2013.

**8d. Facilities Committee:** E. Stanley reported the committee has not met.

**8e. Policy Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee has not met. They will be meeting on January 31, 2013 at 4:30 PM. They have one policy to be voted on tonight.

**8f. Budget Committee Rep.:** E. Stanley reported the committee met for the Public Hearing on January 10, 2013 and held a Budget Committee meeting immediately after to vote on the articles.

**8g. Technology Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee met and will be bringing 3 motions to the Board tonight. The committee discussed IT and web site maintenance volunteers from each school. They discussed the pilot program with an update from the teachers. They will be flipping the IPADS and the tablets between classrooms. There was a report from the IT person on the audit and there is great work being done on the resources that we have. There are areas of focusing and that is where there is an increase in the budget. They would like to propose an audit to look at our phone system. It is a free phone audit. The next meeting is on February 12, 2013.

**8h. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee:** P. Bauries reported the committee has not met.

**8i. Cheshire Career Center:** W. Wright reported he has not been notified of any future meetings.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:**

**9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board:** E. Jacod reported he attended the NHSBA Meeting. He said the meeting was interesting. They had a presentation from the Rochester School District. They discussed how they have reconstructed their elementary

schools very quickly. He explained to the Board what they are doing in the schools. He said it would be worthwhile to take a look at what they are doing.

L. Corriveau mentioned that the Tennis Team is waiting for an answer on the advertising fundraiser. M. Blair explained the Policy Committee has a meeting on January 31, 2013.

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**10a. Motions from the Policy Committee: MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy IKE-R Elementary School Retention K-6 Procedures as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.233/.833/1.183/1.751. **Motion passes.**

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

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

**MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$1,103,976.53. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 13.249/0/0/1.751. **Motion passes.**

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

**10e. Motions from the Technology Committee: MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Technology Committee to allow Spy Glass Technologies to conduct telephone audit for the MRSD. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** R. Thackston would ask the committee to look at more than one vendor. **VOTE:** 10.176/0/2.016/2.809. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Technology Committee to have any individual responsible for volunteering to request assistance and submit to the help desk. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 13.249/0/0/1.751. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Technology Committee to allow the CRC to take responsibility for evaluating and making recommendations of usability and functionality of the website. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 12.022/1.227/0/1.751. **Motion passes.**

**10f. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to support the recommendation put forward regarding overdue funds for the ACES 93. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson explained the amount overdue is \$2600.00 and it goes back to September. **VOTE:** 11.957/0/1.293/1.751. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to allow the following fundraisers: to allow the Troy 6<sup>th</sup> graders to sell tickets for a raffle to pay for a 5 day overnight environmental trip, to allow the Monadnock Equestrian Club to hold a fundraiser at D'Angelos and to allow the Class of 2016 to hold a Cherrydale Fundraiser. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 13.249/0/0/1.751. **Motion passes.**

## **11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

- 12. Public Comments:** A staff member commented on the wonderful guest speakers who were present today.
- 13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:02 PM: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Pending Litigation. **SECOND:** P. Bauries **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, J. Carnie, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, S. Ellsworth, M. Morrison, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner and M. Funk **Motion passes.**
- 14. Public Session: MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to seal the 9:02 PM January 22, 2013 Non-Public Meeting Minutes until June 30, 2013. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 13.249/0/0/1.751. **Motion passes.**
- 15. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:17 PM: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3(b) Hiring of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, J. Carnie, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, S. Ellsworth, M. Morrison, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner and M. Funk **Motion passes.**
- 16. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:50 PM: MOTION:** P. Peterson **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:** P. Bauries **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, J. Carnie, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, S. Ellsworth, M. Morrison, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner and M. Funk **Motion passes.**
- 17. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:26 PM. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary