

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
July 17, 2012
Roxbury Town Hall, Roxbury, NH

Members Present: Richard Thackston, Scott Ellsworth, Ed Jacod, Pat Bauries, Mike Morrison, Winston Wright, Mark Funk, Jen Labadie, L. Steadman, Mike Blair, James Carnie, Phyllis Peterson and Eric Stanley.

Absent: Robert Smith and unassigned from Swanzey.

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: There are no public comments.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the June 19, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 11.657/0/1.227/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: W. Wright **MOVED** to accept the June 19, 2012 8:45 PM Non-Public Sealed Meeting minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.657/0/1.227/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: E. Jacod. **MOVED** to accept the June 19, 2012 9:01 PM Non-Public Sealed Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 11.657/0/1.227/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the June 19, 2012 9:11 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 11.657/0/1.227/2.116. **Motion passes.**

3. Student Government Report: There is no report.

4. BUSINESS MANAGER’SREPORT: MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to authorize Chair Thackston and Vice Chair Carnie to sign on behalf of the Board to the Trustees of the Trust Fund for the work to date on Phase Three. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

J. Fortson informed the Board there will be a payment to the Trustees in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the Before and After School Program.

J. Fortson passed out a hand out to the Board regarding the web site. The information is on how to find information on the web site, walk through it and they will ask for feedback.

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

1. Correspondence and Announcements: Superintendent Corriveau passed out his written report to the Board. He explained there are a few non-public sessions. He would ask the Board to join the administrative team to focus on strategies and initiatives for this coming school year. He would like to have the meeting on Aug. 7 or Aug. 8 at KSC. It was explained when the administrative team met on their retreat the #1 recommendation was the clarity of goals with the School Board. L. Corriveau reported on a book made by teachers at the Mt. Caesar School. The book is to help children use the new playground. The teachers did excellent work. L. Corriveau passed out a few articles to the Board.

MOTION: E. Jacod. **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Ann Beaudry-Torrey.

SECOND: J. Labadie. **VOTE:** 12.650/0/.235/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Brenda Beardsley as the Mt. Caesar nurse as of July 28, 2012. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

2. Curriculum Report: K. Craig introduced Adrienne Noel the principal at Gilsum. K. Craig reported on the administrative retreat last week where a lot of work was done. She has been attending Team Meetings and the teachers have been working all summer long. The Science Team met last week. Last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 staff members attended the DOE summit at KSC, there were some great speakers. SERESC helped facilitate the Administrative Retreat. They did a great job. On August 20, 2012 they will host a National Speaker to teach about co-teaching. We are getting better at what we are doing.

4. Other Issues of Importance: J. Butterfield reported on the administrative retreat. The renovations are moving along. D. LaPointe is doing a wonderful job. Ten teachers are training to do better analysis our test data. There is a lot summer work continuing. It is a pleasure to meet Leo Corriveau.

Principal at Troy mentioned the DOE summit which she attended along with others and received a positive response. The facility is being repointed. Keys to Literacy Training is open to all staff on August 22, 2012.

A. Noel commented it is a pleasure to work with the administration. Sullivan School has made the move to Gilsum. Half of the staff is present during the summer getting their rooms ready. The staff is using every inch of the Gilsum School.

J. Smith reported the Cutler School is shut down for the roof repairs. He informed the Board he attended the DOE summit and the administrative retreat. He attended a 4 day conference in Pittsburgh. It was the National Elementary Principal Conference and he reported it was the best conference ever.

M. Suarez reported the Emerson roof is complete. Summer School is going well. She informed the Board she attended the DOE summit and the Administrative retreat. The KTL coaches are working hard and meeting with the DATA teams. The teams are meeting all summer long.

N. Richardson reported everything is going well during the renovations.

B. Tatro reported Mt. Caesar is hosting the HS, MS and Cutler for the summer school. The kids are doing well and working hard.

T. Kennett reported he is working with the principals to ensure services for mediation for the kids. He reported the principals are open-minded, helpful and it is really appreciated. His goal is to show an impact on the kids in Special Ed. and to make a difference.

- 6. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston welcomed Superintendent Corriveau and welcomed him to the District. R. Thackston asked the Board to decide the date for the meeting with the administration at KSC. The Board agreed on August 7, 2012. **MOTION:** J. Labadie. **MOVED** to allow the Board to hold a meeting outside the District. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** E. Stanley. **MOVED** to hold an open meeting to the public with the administrative team on August 7, 2012 at KSC. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

7. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Community Relations Committee: L. Steadman reported the committee has nothing to report. The next meeting is on August 14, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

2. Education Committee and Finance Committee: J. Carnie informed the Board the committees met yesterday and on June 22, 2012. They discussed a lot of issues and there will be 5 motions tonight. The committee discussed the E-Readers, the cost and the need. The committee discussed the SAU 38 closeout and the amount of funds that remain. The Sullivan withdrawal Committee was discussed as well as the Mt. Caesar transition. There will be a SERESC motion tonight. They discussed the exit interviews which the group is in favor of. Class size was also discussed. The next meeting is on August 8, 2012.

3. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee has not met. He spoke to D. LaPointe on the schedule for the renovations. The next meeting is on July 24, 2012.

4. Policy Committee: M. Blair reported the committee met on July 9, 2012. They had a long agenda. They looked at policies that are required by law. The committee will be bringing 5 policies to be moved tonight. The committee will meet on July 31, 2012 will a long agenda.

5. Budget Committee Rep.: E. Stanley reported the committee met on June 20, 2012 and discussed the HS 3 Tiered Diploma. They discussed the HS cost per pupil and compared it as well as the HS stipends to Fall Mtn. The next meeting is on August 28, 2012.

6. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee: P. Bauries informed the Board the committee has not met. There will be two motions later tonight.

7. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright commented the Board needs to receive information from the CCC on a timely basis. J. Butterfield informed the Board he will be meeting with the CCC tomorrow.

8. E-Reader Committee: M. Blair reported the committee met on July 3, 2012 and have drafted a proposal for a pilot plan. The plan is to outfit 4 classes. Two classes will receive the tablets and the other two classes will receive the IPADS. After sometime the classes will switch, evaluate, assess and have feedback. The teachers and the classrooms have been picked. In three to four years they hope to have this District wide. There are two motions tonight.

8. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

1. Sullivan Withdrawal Update: J. Labadie informed the Board the Sullivan Withdrawal Committee asked the Sullivan Committee to rewrite the plan. If there is a way to withdraw from the District and the SAU at the same time that would be fine.

2. Exit Interviews: R. Thackston commented there is a concern of the Board that there is a lack of exit interviews. L. Corriveau explained he would propose a policy for the next Education Committee.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

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

2. Motions from Policy Committee: MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy DBJ Budget Transfer of Appropriations as modified. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson commented the policy did not say what the Superintendent and the Business Manager does. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy DKC Expense Reimbursements/Reimbursement as presented. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **DISCUSSION:** R. Thackston commented that he would vote against the

motion due to omitting the last line. M. Blair and S. Ellsworth will make a friendly amendment and put the line back. K. Craig informed the Board that there are forms to protect us regarding this issue. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy DKC-R Mileage as submitted. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy IGBGA-E Policy of Home Education as approved. **SECOND:** J. Labadie
DISCUSSION: J. Carnie will not approve the motion with the State dealing with unfunded mandates. J. Labadie commented that the changes take some of the burden from the locals. **VOTE:** 10.603/1.183/1.099/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy IGDA Student Organization and Activities as presented **SECOND:** W. Wright.
DISCUSSION: J. Fortson informed the Board the SAU has purchased Student Account Tracker and they will have training. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy IGE Exceptions to Use of Specific Course Materials. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth.
DISCUSSION: It was explained this policy is presented as recommended by L. Corriveau. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

3. Motions from the Education Committee: **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Education Committee to accept the proposal of the SERESC Education Service to continue to ongoing consultation for the year 2012-2013 in the amount up to \$16,950.00, the funds to come from the approved \$50,000.00 of surplus approved by the Board. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 12.191/0/.693/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOVED J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Education Committee to approve up to \$140,000.00 for the hiring of three new positions for the Before and After School Program, a director and 2 part time site coordinators, one each for Troy and Gilsum. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 12.052/0/.833/2.116. **Motion passes.**

4. Motions from the Finance Committee: **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to accept the June 26, 2012 proposal from the Student Service Director to add a new part time position to bring the Medicaid billing and the e-rate billing in house. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: J. Carnie. **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance and Education Committee to accept the July 16, 2012 proposal from the eReader Committee. The recommendation to use two classes in the 6th grade and two in the Middles School to pilot the implementation of the eReaders/tablets in this upcoming academic year. The cost of

up to \$40,000.00 to come from the general budget. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance and Education Committee to approve the write off of the Food Service Deficit of \$12,721.01 for the school year ending June 30, 2012. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson explained how the process works. She explained the Food Service has ended in the black. The amount is the balance of the student unpaid lunches. She explained there may be an offset. It was suggested that the Board receive a monthly report on the Food Service and the fact that there should be a policy on this. L. Steadman commented the Board did pass a policy on this issue. **VOTE:** 10.869/2.016/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Morrison. **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$157,994.71. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

5. Motions from the Negotiating Committee: **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to allow P. Bauries, E. Jacod and W. Wright to attend a Negotiating Conference in the amount of \$260.00 for each member to attend. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept Policy GDF Support Staff Hiring as amended, by removing the sentence: All new and replacement positions for paraprofessionals will be hired on a 5.5 hour per day basis. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.898/.693/1.293/2.116. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair. **MOVED** to convert the eReader Committee to the Tech Subcommittee for the 2012-2013 School Year. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **DISCUSSION:** It was commented that the Tech subcommittee should be part of the Education Committee. M. Blair explained there are technology components that do not have to do with education. **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

10. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

11. Public Comments: There are no Public Comments.

12. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 10:30 PM: **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Nominations. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Peterson, J. Carnie, J. Labadie, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, M. Funk, S. Ellsworth and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 10:50 PM: **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II © Student Issue. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, J. Carnie, M.

Morrison, E. Stanley, M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, M. Funk, S. Ellsworth and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 11:00 PM: MOTION: S. Ellsworth **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, J. Carnie, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, M. Funk, S. Ellsworth and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

14. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:15 PM. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth **VOTE:** 12.884/0/0/2.116. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary