

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**(Approved Minutes)**  
**June 19, 2012**  
**Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

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

**Absent:** Phyllis Peterson, Robert Smith, Mark Funk and unassigned from Swanzey.

**Administration present:** D. Hodgdon, 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 were no public comments.

**2. Consent Agenda: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the June 5, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** 7.390/0/4.033/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to table the June 5, 2012 Non-Public Meeting Minutes until the next School Board Meeting. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 9.097/0/2.326/3.577. **Motion passes**

**MOTION:** J. Labadie **MOVED** to accept the June 5, 2012 9:40 PM Non-Public Sealed Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 9.266/0/2.156/3.577 **Motion passes.**

**3. Student Government Report:** There is no report.

**4. BUSINESS MANAGER’SREPORT:** J. Fortson asked the Board to appoint three Board Members to sign the manifest due to the fact the Board will only be meeting once in July and once in August. **MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to authorize M. Morrison, R. Thackston and E. Stanley to sign the manifest on behalf of the Board for the month of July and August. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**1. Correspondence and Announcements:** J. Smith informed the Board on a very successful literacy night at Cutler. Graduation is tomorrow at 9:00 AM.

J. Butterfield informed the Board of a very successful senior week and yearbook dedication. There was wonderful weather for graduation. He thanked the Board Members who were able to attend. There was a meeting for fall athletics to update the parents on the handbook changes it went very well. The underclass and MS awards night went well and was well attended. Thursday night they welcomed the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Ann O'Bryant was in attendance. Last day for students is tomorrow. The staff will be packing up to prepare for the renovations. Curriculum work will happen this summer. There are nominations tonight to fill the vacancies.

**2. Curriculum Report:** K. Craig reported she attended the Emerson promotional night and will attend the promotional day at Cutler. She passed out the summary of the SERESC report. She would encourage the Board to read the outline. SERESC is available to advice and help. We all need to have the same goals in mind. We will have a retreat for a day and a half with Dick and Jane. Teachers will attend a workshop in Keene paid for by Title One. The science team will meet with the elementary school teachers to see if the schools are in alignment. The kindergarten teachers will be meeting next week. She thanked D. Hodgdon for his years of service to the District.

**3. Other Issues of Importance:** D. Hodgdon informed the Board he had attended the graduation and was very impressed with the students and the flow of the graduation. He would commend the teachers, students, and administration for bringing the graduating class to that point. The promotions for Gilsum and Troy were very interesting and enjoyable. He attended sporting events and was very impressed with the wonderful job by the baseball team.

**MOTION:** S. Ellsworth. **MOVED** to accept the retirement of James Ciampa as of June 30, 2012. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Morrison **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Christie Dunlavey. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Michael Paone. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Sharon Mousette. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Morrison. **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Kathy Hurst. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.365/0/1.058/3.577. **Motion passes.**

D. Hodgdon handed out a note of thanks to the Board Members accompanied by his last poem as Superintendent. He was thankful for his 13 years with the District.

D. Hodgdon informed the Board there are a ton of non-public sessions.

- 6. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston informed the Board the hearing is rescheduled for July 17, 2012.

R. Thackston thanked D. Hodgdon for taking the Superintendent position and for his years of service. He commented he has done a great job and his efforts were appreciated.

R. Thackston informed the Board he has signed the contract for the new Superintendent as of July 1, 2012.

**7. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Community Relations Committee:** L. Steadman reported the committee misses B. Barlow. There was a lot of discussion on what we will miss since B. Barlow leaving. We need to keep all lines open to the media. We have to inform the public on what the Board is doing. We would like to revisit the goals with the help of the new administration. The committee is down one member and would welcome someone from the Board. They will be scheduling meetings with the selectmen for next year soon. The next meeting is on July 17, 2012. **MOTION:** W. Wright. **MOVED** to nominate M. Blair as a member of the CRC. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**2. Education Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee met on June 13, 2012 and were updated on the Before and After Program regarding how the program existed in the warrant. The Troy and Fitzwilliam bussing was discussed. The Sullivan School transition is on schedule. The committee discussed with the people from SERESC how to deal with them and to go forward with SERESC. We would like to continue to employee and have a discussion with the new superintendent. M. Wright gave a presentation on the proposal for the pavilion. There will be a motion tonight. They received a report from K. Craig on homeschooling and CCC scheduling.

**3. Facilities Committee:** E. Stanley reported the committee met on June 12, 2012. The committee discussed the pavilion project. D. LaPointe spoke about Year 3 and Year 4 of the renovations. There is a ton of work that will be getting done over the summer. Once the lighting is complete there will be a yearly savings of \$77,000.00. The committee will be meeting before the next Board Meeting.

**4. Finance Committee:** J. Carnie informed the Board the committee met on June 13, 2012 and discussed a number of items. There are a number of motions tonight. The committee discussed the student activity accounts. They would like to close dormant accounts and fix the deficit. The committee will come before the Board with a fix. They will be taking a survey from area schools on the cost of driver's education. This needs to be addressed by the full Board. There is a proposal for an administrative assistant for the HS/MS tonight. There will be a motion for a proposal for underground storage tanks. The committee discussed the reimbursement request for

mileage. The committee discussed Policy DBJ. They discussed the paraprofessional for teacher exchange.

**5. Policy Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee met on June 12, 2012. A committee member will attend the Budget Committee Meeting because it is not clear regarding the default budget policy proposal. They will also draft and review athletic coaches, concussions and injuries. They reviewed the bullying policy to see if the procedures and policies are aligned. They will review harassment to make sure it is in line with the bullying policy.

**6. Budget Committee Rep.:** E. Stanley reported the committee will meet tomorrow at 7:00 PM.

**7. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee:** P. Bauries informed the Board the procedure for the recommendation of the new superintendent is complete and the committee is just about done for the year.

**8. Cheshire Career Center:** W. Wright reported he has had no word from the CCC.

**9. E-Reader Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee did not meet.

**8. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:**

**1. Sullivan Withdrawal Update:** J. Labadie reported the committee will be meeting on Thursday at 7:30 PM. She will bring the requested letters of intent.

R. Thackston asked about the proof of residency for the new students. If they do not show residency they must leave. He asked if this process was done this year. J. Fortson explained it was not completely done this year but every effort was made.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Motions from Facilities Committee: MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** on behalf of the Facilities Committee to recommend to Finance and the full board authorization to use up to \$1200.00 from the underground storage tanks/inspection account (01-2690-54340-09-00000) to purchase replacement propane tanks. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**2. Motions from Policy Committee: MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy DIH Fraud Prevention Policy as amended. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to bind at least three copies of the policies each year as of June 30, 2012 and anything forward will be on an electronic version. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 9.097/0/2.326/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**3. Motions from Education Committee: MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Education Committee to allow the busses to transport the student between Troy and Fitzwilliam. This practice exists but they would like to have the approval from the Board. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**4. Motions from the Finance Committee: MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to remove all adult accounts out of the Student Activity Accounts District wide. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to accept the position of the Administrative Assistant for the Front Desk subject to available funding when the district budget assessment is complete (prior to June 30, 2012). **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie explained J. Fortson will look to see if the funds are available. J. Fortson explained after adjustments are made they will see if there are remaining funds if not there will not be a position. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to accept the travel expense format as presented by J. Fortson with normal commute backed out of the mileage. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson explained the District will not reimburse for a daily commute. She explained. **VOTE:** 10.729/0/.693/3.577. **Motion passes.**

J. Carnie explained at the next SAU meeting there will be a request for a position.

**MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to authorize M. Wright to go ahead with the pavilion project which will be set under the pine trees at the entrance of the athletic field. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** P. Bauries explained the project cost was said to be between \$4200.00 and \$4500.00. The work will be done by M Wright with the help of the students. They will be asking for donations. R. Thackston explained the motion is not asking for funds at this time. There is no money being requested. It was commented the plans had been reviewed by the Town of Swanze. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$1,528,494.84. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 9.307/0/2.116/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**5. Other New Business as may come before the board: Camp Takodah Special Education Program:** T. Kennett explained the program is held up due to an inspection regarding the program not the camp. This program will not happen this year. We are still moving forward, maybe another location. The proposed budget was never reduced for the program. There are no additional costs unless a new student moves into the district.

**10. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

**Exit interviews**

**11. Public Comments:** There are no Public Comments.

**12. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:45 PM: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Nominations. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, J. Carnie, J. Labadie, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, P. Bauries, R. Thackston, S. Ellsworth and L. Steadman. **Motion passes.**

**13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:01 PM: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters that would likely adversely affect the reputation of an individual **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, J. Carnie, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, S. Ellsworth. **Motion passes.**

**14. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:11 PM: MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters that would likely adversely affect the reputation of an individual **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, J. Carnie, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, S. Ellsworth. **Motion passes.**

**15. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:20 PM: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Pending Litigation. **SECOND:** M. Morrison **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, J. Carnie, J. Labadie, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, R. Thackston and S. Ellsworth. **Motion passes.**

**16. Public Session: MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to seal the June 19, 2012 9:20 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes until the conclusion of the issue. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

**17. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:50 PM. **SECOND:** E. Stanley **VOTE:** 11.423/0/0/3.577. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary