

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**(Approved Minutes)**  
**October 2, 2012**  
**Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Richard Thackston, Ed Jacod, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Jen Labadie, Robert Smith, Lisa Steadman, E. Stanley, Scott Ellsworth, James Carnie, Mike Blair and Phyllis Peterson.

**Absent:** Mike Morrison, Mark Funk 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. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:** J. Fortson informed the Board she continues to work on the budget and it is going well. She explained she has a student helping to work on the high school budget as his senior project.

**3. Student Government Report:** Cameron Barth and Hannah Bush represented the Student government at the meeting tonight. They explained the committee is organizing Red Ribbon Week. They will have trivia questions and prizes for the students. They will have guest speakers and theme days. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade council sat in on the meeting and has all their representatives. The NH Supreme Court will present a case and a group of students have been invited to watch the actual case.

**4. Consent Agenda: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the September 18, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth **VOTE:** 11.592/0/1.058/2.350 **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** J. Labadie **MOVED** to accept the September 18, 2012 10:00 PM Non-Public Meeting minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 10.494/0/2.156/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the September 18, 2012 10:10 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** 9.80/0/2.850/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** S. Ellsworth **MOVED** to accept the September 18, 2012 10:20 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.494/0/2.156/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the September 18, 2012 9:42 PM Sealed Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.494/0/2.156/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**1. Curriculum Report:** K. Craig reported that 17 faculty and administrators attended a conference in Boston regarding RTI and it was paid for by grant funds. She passed out the NH Adequacy Reports Area Comparison to the Board it not only compares the scores of the NECAP but other areas with other schools around us. SAT results were passed out to the Board. Eighty-four students took the test. The results did not fair as well with the State or the Nation. The results are not great and we have our work cut out for us. She informed the Board they would like to make preparation for SAT and PSAT testing a required class. We want to encourage the kids to do well. Data for the Before and After School enrollment was passed out. The NECAP testing results for the science came back. We are not where we want to be.

**2. Class Size Report:** Each year the administration is to report to the Board the classes that have 10 students or less. She reported there is one elementary class in Gilsum that has 8 students and at the high school there are 36 classes with less than 10 students. J. Butterfield commented that there are a lot of reasons why, there are scheduling concerns with some specific to advance placement. He commented this is very serious and the numbers are unacceptable. We need students to take the classes. There are students that drop out to leave school early. CCC was an issue because they had to reschedule. R. Thackston asked how things are going in the Northern Schools with the multi-aged classrooms. K. Craig explained there are multi-aged classrooms in both Troy and Emerson and all have success.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**1. Correspondence and Announcements:** Superintendent Corriveau apologized for not including the principals announcements at one of the Board Meetings. He showed the Board a picture of the Athletic leaders in the school, the picture is on the web site.

J. Butterfield explained the picture was created by the students. He would congratulate all the captains of the sports teams. He explained progress reports will be released soon and will include the science NECAP test results and a reminder of any book or lunch charges that are overdue. The high school has discussed the MAPS Testing and early release day plans. One hundred students will attend a live court session in October. This will be a case of interest for the students. The Attorney General will come to the school to discuss it with the students. The Guidance Dept. will discuss with the seniors their college search plans and any other plans.

B. Tatro reported the Mt. Caesar Wellness Committee, the 20/20 Project with Cheshire Medical has been nominated for 3 awards. The presentation will take place on October 11, 2012. B. Tatro passed out her October Notes to the Board.

**2. Special Education Report:** T. Kennett reported on the Science NECAP for the Spec. Ed. students. He informed the Board the scores were low. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are equal to their peers. The District is still transporting students with the District's vans and it is working with a savings. The reading program is being used and working well for the Special Ed. students.

**3. Other Issues of Importance:** D. LaPointe reported that he is trying to get his budget as low as possible. They have done their best. He has sent a letter to all the schools asking them to conserve fuel.

L. Corriveau was very pleased to have Budget Committee Members here in attendance. They are here to work together with the Board.

The official enrollment number was passed out to the Board. The District is up 24 students. The official number is 1864 students as of today.

L. Corriveau informed the Board he attended the Commissioners Meeting and the Commissioner has created the Commissioner's Circle of Excellence. He passed out information to the Board.

- 7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston informed the Board he has received a letter from D. Harty to begin negotiations for the Related Service Providers Bargaining Unit.

The NHSBA Resolutions were in the Board packets. The Board may submit a resolution. The Board can review the resolutions and send comments to the Board Chair. R. Thackston will put this on the next agenda and if anyone is interested in going to let him know. The Board will not meet on Election Day. The meeting will be on November 7, 2012.

**8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Community Relations Committee:** L. Steadman reported the committee met tonight. The committee has scheduled meet the principal in Gilsum on October 16, 2012. The committee held meet the Board and it went very well. There is a meet the Board on October 17, 2012 at Mt. Caesar. She would encourage the Board Members to attend. The committee discussed social media. They will be meeting next on October 18, 2012.

**2. Education Committee:** J. Carnie informed the Board the committee met and will be meeting again on October 11, 2012. The committee discussed the Pilot IPAD and Tablet Program which is up and running. They discussed the Sullivan Withdrawal and the dates of October 23, 2012 for the Deliberative and Nov. 27, 2012 for the vote.

They discussed the number of students to attend Monadnock from Sullivan and the impact. The Assistant Superintendent reported on the class size which was the major discussion. The discussion was good and in depth. The committee will bring the issue before the entire Board.

**3. Facilities Committee:** E. Stanley informed the Board the committee has not met. They will be meeting on October 9, 2012.

**4. Finance Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee met and will be meeting on October 11, 2012. They received input from N. Moriarty from the Budget Committee. They discussed a proposed 1.33 million dollar reduction in the budget. The committee discussed contracts, an increase in insurance and Pay to Play, where is the revenue going and why a charge for athletics only. The committee discussed the 50/50 formula and that there are an unlimited amount of ways to do the formula. They discussed the close out of SAU 38 and class size of under 10 students. There will be a motion tonight.

**5. Policy Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee met on Sept. 26, 2012 and reviewed two policies. The committee had a long discussion on the use of school buses, vans etc

**6. Budget Committee Rep.:** The committee met on Sept. 25, 2012. W. Lechliden informed the Board the Budget Committee is concerned regarding where the revenue for the Pay to Play is going. The next meeting is on October 30, 2012. N. Moriarty informed the Board the committee asked why a stipend cannot be donated back to the program without a tax.

**7. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee:** P. Bauries informed the Board the committee has not met. She will set up a meeting with the Related Services Providers Bargaining Union.

**8. Cheshire Career Center:** W. Wright informed the Board the CCC will hold their Advisory Committee breakfast on October 25, 2012.

**9. Tech Committee:** M. Blair reported the teachers are very energetic with the pilot program. The committee discussed how to expand the program.

**9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:**

**1. Sullivan Withdrawal Revised Warrant:** The Board received a copy of the revised warrant. **MOTION:** J. Labadie **MOVED** to accept the revised Sullivan Withdrawal Warrant for the Special District Meeting dated October 23, 2012 as presented. **SECOND:** S. Ellsworth. **VOTE:** 12.650/0/0/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**2. Other Old Business:** L. Corriveau informed the Board about the residency notification. He said some staff and School Board Members have not responded to the survey. He would ask the School Board to come into the SAU and verify the students

in their towns. J. Fortson explained the form is very easy. It asked for any information that is incorrect. J. Carnie commented this issue has to be resolved. J. Fortson would suggest the forms be mailed to the parents not sent home with the students. W. Wright suggested the school send a list of names to the selectmen.

R. Smith asked about the Pay to Play. J. Carnie informed the Board it was discussed in committee. **MOTION:** R. Smith **MOVED** that the Board revisit the Pay to Play issue. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **DISCUSSION:** P. Bauries explained the Finance and the Education Committee have it on their agenda. **R. Smith and P. Bauries withdraw their motion.** It was commented the policy should include non-athletic activities.

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

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

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

**3. Motions from the Finance Committee: MOTION:** J. Carnie. **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee along with the Facilities Committee jointly approve the recommendation from the Facilities Manager, David LaPointe, to accept the bid of up to \$20,482.00 for a Chevrolet 2013 Express Cargo Van from Walier Chevrolet, Keene, NH. **SECOND:** E. Stanley **VOTE:** 11.592/0/1.058/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$2,462,933.12. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson explained she may have to hold a few checks. The checks from the State are behind as well as the towns. **VOTE:** 11.592/0/1.058/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**4. Motions from the Negotiating Committee:** There are no motions from the Negotiating Committee.

**5. Motions from the CRC: MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the CRC to evaluate the possibilities of hiring a webmaster to administer the MRSD/SAU website usage and content management. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **DISCUSSION:** E. Jacod commented that this is not a full time position. He suggested incorporating it into a senior project. It was commented the staff are not trained to run the website. E. Stanley suggested a stipend for this position. J. Carnie asked the committee to evaluate and come back to the Board. There will be no hiring by the CRC. **VOTE:** 9.307/3.343/0/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**6. Motions from the Policy Committee: MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy DFA Revenues from Investments as presented. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **DISCUSSION:** This is a required policy. At the present time we have no investments. **MOTION:** R. Smith **MOVED** to table the motion until the next meeting, not everyone has the entire policy. **VOTE:** 10.858/.693/1.099/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy GEA Athletic Team Coaches as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** L. Steadman explained there is a separate policy for termination. R. Thackston commented let the administration administer. J. Carnie commented we need to be very clear in who the administration are. We need to be clear on who dismisses. **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to amend the motion by adding the wording “by the Athletic Director” after the word dismissed in the third sentence of the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE on amendment:** 10.534/2.116/0/2.350. **Motion passes.** **VOTE on amended motion:** 9.476/3.174/0/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policies IHBH Extended Learning Opportunities, Policy IHBH-R and IHBH-R2 as submitted. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** P. Bauries asked who the ELO coordinator was. K. Craig explained they have an ELO coordinator who is the guidance counselor. J. Carnie asked if they are compensated. K. Craig informed the Board it is under their responsibilities. **VOTE:** 12.650/0/0/2.350. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy IMBC as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** The Board agreed to table the motion until the next meeting.

The Board agreed to table discussion on Policy IMBI until the next meeting.

**11. SETTING NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA:**

- 1. SAU #38 Surplus**
- 2. NHSBA**

**12. Public Comments:** There were no Public Comments.

**13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:30 PM: MOTION:** L. Steadman **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, M. Blair, P. Peterson, J. Labadie, L. Steadman, R. Smith, P. Bauries, S. Ellsworth, J. Carnie, E. Jacod and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

**14. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:40 PM: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Compensation of a Public Employee **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, L. Steadman, M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, S. Ellsworth, J. Carnie, E. Jacod, R. Smith and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

**15. J. Carnie informed the Board that the Education Committee would like to discuss class size in non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II © Matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person.**

**16. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:55 PM: MOTION:** J. Carnie **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:** M. Blair **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, L. Steadman M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, J. Carnie, E. Jacod, S. Ellsworth, R. Smith and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

**17. Public Session:** L. Corriveau informed the Board an employee who retired and asked the Board to rescind her retirement, which the Board took no action on has been rehired to fill a position.

**18. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:18 PM. **SECOND:** R. Smith **VOTE:** 12.650/0/0/2.350. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary