

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
September 4, 2012
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

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

Absent: Robert Smith, Eric Stanley, Scott Ellsworth 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.”

R. Thackston introduced Superintendent Corriveau to the TV audience. This is his first appearance.

1.PUBLIC COMMENTS: There are no public comments.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 14, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 10.076/0/.693/4.231. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 14, 2012 8:55 PM Non-Public Meeting minutes as presented. **SECOND:** M. Morrison **VOTE:** 8.488/0/2.282/4.231. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Bauries. **MOVED** to accept the August 14, 2012 8:36 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 8.488/0/2.282/4.231. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 14, 2012 9:05 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 8.488/0/2.282/4.231. **Motion passes.**

3. Student Government Report: Jill reported the committee met with the Superintendent and Ms. O’Bryant over the summer. The committee has split into three activity groups to cover the Pep Rally, Spirit Week and the Husky Hoopla. The

committees will get the community involved. Elections will start and the committee would like to have representative from the 9th grade. At this time they are not represented on the committee. Before the beginning of school the committee gave tours to the incoming students. The whole school is excited this year. J. Butterfield gave a very effective presentation to the student body. He explained where we can improve this year in academics. The clubs will begin this week. The lighting is much better and the school looks great.

4. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson had passed out a schedule for the budget process. The all day budget meeting will be rescheduled to October 27, 2012. The budget books will contain more information such as a glossary for the terms used in the budget.

5. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

1. **Correspondence and Announcements:** Superintendent Corriveau passed out his report to the committee. He has the opening numbers but they are not official. The official number will come in October. The opening day went pretty well and everyone appears to be ready. He commented that D. LaPointe and the maintenance staff have done a great job on the school. It looks great. K. Craig and L. Corriveau have visited each school in the District. The enrollment last year was 1961 and for the opening day this year the enrollment number is 2017. It is unofficial. Preschool was added in this year. He reported he has met with the new teachers and all the District staff. The new staff is excited. They discussed many issues. They were very responsive and very excited.

The Strategic Plan booklet was passed out to the Board. SERESC took the 10 goals with the objectives and came up with this public relations strategic booklet. It gives us a game plan. He would like the Board to review and approve at the next meeting.

L. Corriveau informed the Board he believes that the BEST in the District goal stands for Be Excellent Schools Today. Students and staff to do their best every day. He is very pleased with opening week.

2. **Curriculum Report:** K. Craig reported information was passed out in depth regarding the Common Core Standards. She has discussed it with the staff in depth. We have good news and reality not so good. We need to dig in. We met today. Somethings are working and may shift with structure and practices. It is a time of urgency. Tax payers want results.

Information on the PLC and a calendar of committee work was passed out to the Board. The staff is working hard. It is not an 8-3 job.

2a. **AP and SAT Results:** J. Butterfield reported on the SAT scores. He said the students did fairly well. He reported that the 84 seniors who took the SATs scored a bit lower than the State average. The juniors have done better. Twenty-four seniors

took it as juniors. They are at level or above. The conclusion is that 60 kids did not take the SATs until they were seniors. We need to focus on the students to help them on what to do in the future. Sixty-one students in the AP classes took 104 exams, 11 scored 3.0 or better, 1 scored 3.25 and 1 scored 3.5 or better. We have high hopes for the current senior class. We want all students to have access to this. L. Corriveau and J. Butterfield are looking at SAT prep courses and they make a difference. He will ask the Education Committee and the Policy Committee to look at the notion of social promotion. We pass students that are not ready. They should not pass without mastering the essential skills. We should not leave it up to the next grade. The students will take it more seriously. This will move the District. We cannot pass if they are not ready. L. Corriveau explained the administrative team had a great conversation around this topic.

3. Other Issues of Importance:

- 6. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston suggested scheduling the meetings in Sept., October and November at the MS/HS. **MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to reschedule the Sept., October and November Board Meetings at the MS/HS. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.769/0/0/4.231. **Motion passes.** R. Thackston would like to have a public discussion on the Sullivan Withdrawal tonight instead of the exit interview discussion. He would like to thank the facilities staff for all the work they have done. He would like to thank J. Fortson for arranging a meeting with the State in regards to the extra year of State reimbursement on the renovations. They thanked D. LaPointe who partnered on the project.

7. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Community Relations Committee: L. Steadman reported the committee met and discussed the dessert with the principal. They will be meeting in Gilsum with A. Noel on September 17, 2012. There is a motion regarding social media to come later in the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

2. Education Committee and Finance Committee: The Education and Finance Committee did not meet.

3. Facilities Committee: The Facilities Committee did not meet.

4. Policy Committee: M. Blair reported the committee met on August 21, 2012. They have 3 policies later for a vote. There are a number of policies for the next agenda. The next meeting is on Sept. 12, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

5. Budget Committee Rep.: The committee met on August 28, 2012. The Budget Committee rep is not in attendance.

6. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee: P. Bauries informed the Board the committee has not met but would like to coordinate with L. Corriveau and the members.

7. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright commented he has not heard from the CCC. He will contact them.

8. Tech Committee: M. Blair reported the committee did not meet. The IPADS and the Tablets have been ordered and they should be arriving soon. At some point they would like to discuss a policy on cyber bullying. There is no formal meeting scheduled.

8. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

1. Sullivan Withdrawal Update: J. Labadie passed out the changes made to the Sullivan Withdrawal Plan at the last meeting. The Board reviewed the packets. R. Thackston asked J. Labadie to read the Sullivan Withdrawal Plan under RSA 195:26. E. Jacod asked about the number of Board Members if Sullivan leaves. The Board will deal with this when the withdrawal happens. The Board commented on the SAU services not being explained. J. Carnie commented the \$50,000.00 for SAU services should be in there. They asked about the transportation number. J. Carnie commented we have an obligation to Sullivan that the numbers are accurate. P. Peterson commented the \$50,000.00 should be included in the budget. J. Labadie commented it is included in the spreadsheet the Town of Sullivan has. R. Thackston asked about the open invitation of all schools. He commented the transportation number is low. M. Funk commented the SAU figure should be included. It was commented the adequacy number is inaccurate. J. Labadie commented the students will either go to Harrisville or Nelson not both. R. Thackston commented the tuition to MRSD for the Sullivan students will be the Monadnock tuition or the Keene tuition whichever is higher.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

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

2. Motions from Policy Committee: MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of Policy Committee to accept Policy JJF Student Activities Accounts as amended. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 10.769/0/0/4.231. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair. **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy JLCF Wellness Policy. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 9.436/0/0/4.231. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy JLCJ Concussions and Head Injuries as presented. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **DISCUSSION:** M. Blair explained this is required by law. J. Carnie is not in favor. It takes away the responsibility of the coach. **MOTION to amend:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to amend the motion and reference the Student Handbook and change the word “or” to “and” under Protocol for Return to Play. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE on amendment:** 9.586/0/1.183/4.231. **Motion passes. VOTE on amended motion:** 8.753/0/2.016/4.231. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to remove Policy IGDF. **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **VOTE:** 7.430/1.183/2.156/4.231. **Motion passes.** J. Carnie commented the policy was not provided and he does not know the policy. It was commented the Policy Committee does a lot of ground work.

3. Motions from the Education Committee: There are no motions from the Education Committee.

4. Motions from the Finance Committee: **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$2,816,014.45. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to accept a \$200.00 donation from Fairfield Motors towards the Tablet Pilot Program. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.769/0/0/4.231. **Motion passes.**

5. Motions from the Negotiating Committee: There are no motions from the Negotiating Committee.

6. Motions from the CRC: **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the CRC that the School Board or its designees assume administration of any entity representing itself as a social media outlet of any of its schools, boards or school administrative teams. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie commented this motion was determined tonight and there was nothing in the packet. **VOTE:** 9.586/0/1.183/4.231. **Motion passes.**

M. Funk asked to speak regarding Roxbury. He commented that the cost per student in Roxbury is \$25,000.00 and the cost of a student in Troy is \$7,000.00 both in the same District. The change came in 2004 when they changed the ADM to 50/50. He asked why one town is getting the advantage of the funding. Roxbury is being beaten on each side. It was commented it could be changed if the voters vote to change the 50/50. The vote may have a positive outcome if it is supported by the Board. J. Carnie explained M. Funk could come in with a petitioned article and then ask the position of the Board. L. Corriveau explained he received a letter from the Fenton Family supporting a new program. They will donate a car and other prizes as recognition for students. **MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to authorize L. Corriveau and J. Butterfield to look into this program suggested by the Fenton Family, **SECOND:** J. Labadie. **VOTE:** 10.769/0/0/4.231. **Motion passes.**

10. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- 1. Sullivan lawyer presentation for ballot.**

L. Corriveau explained at the latest Budget Committee Meeting they voted to recommend to the Board to have the Board look at the co-curriculum stipends. **MOTION:** J. Labadie. **MOVED** to form a 5 member committee to review the stipends. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **DISCUSSION:** P. Bauries would suggest this issue go to Finance. The Board discussed the issue. **VOTE:** 5.006/2.295/3.468/4.231. **Motion passes.** P. Bauries commented we will run into issues with the Unions. **MOTION:** J. Labadie **MOVED** to nominate M. Morrison, P. Bauries, W. Wright, L. Corriveau and K. Craig as members of the Stipend Review Committee. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 7.291/1.068/2.410/4.231. **Motion passes.**

11. Public Comments: There are no Public Comments.

12. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:48 PM: MOTION: M. Morrison **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Pending Litigation. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Peterson, J. Labadie, M. Morrison, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, J. Carnie, E. Jacod, M. Funk and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:56 PM: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Advice from the Attorney. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, M. Morrison, M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, L. Steadman, J. Carnie, E. Jacod, M. Funk and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

14. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 10:05 PM: MOTION: P. Bauries **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, P. Peterson, M. Morrison, M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, J. Carnie, E. Jacod, L. Steadman, M. Funk and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

15. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 10:14 PM: MOTION: M. Morrisn **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Compensation of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, P. Peterson, M. Morrison, M. Blair, J. Labadie, P. Bauries, J. Carnie, E. Jacod, L. Steadman, M. Funk and R. Thackston **Motion passes.**

16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:38 PM. **SECOND:** M. Morrison **VOTE:** 10.076/0/0/4.231. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary