

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Non-Approved Minutes)
April 16, 2013
Troy Elementary School, Troy, NH

Members Present: Richard Thackston, Ed Jacod, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Barry Faulkner, Phyllis Peterson, Dan Coffman, Lisa Steadman, James Carnie, E. Stanley and Mike Blair.

Absent: Mike Morrison, Robert Smith, unassigned Roxbury seat and unassigned Sullivan seat.

Administration present: L. Corriveau, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, T. Kennett, Dir. of Student Services and J. Fortson, Business Manager.

Principals present: J. Butterfield, A. Salzmann, B. Tatro and J. Smith

“The goal of the Monadnock Regional Board is to be the Best School District in the State.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Alyssa Smith a former MRHS graduate introduced herself to the Board. She is a staff member of the Before and After Program in Troy.

P. Bauries handed out certificates to the winning DI Team. The members are as follows: E. Cloutier, S. Cloutier, A. Tomer, Z. Washer, T. Kearney and their coach Lisa Cloutier. The members of the teams are involved in a bone marrow drive.

MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** the School Board sponsor the DI Team as they did last year and for team coats. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

2. **Consent Agenda: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the April 2, 2013 School Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:**9.80/0/1.058/4.142. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the April 2, 2013, 9:10 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** 9.80/0/1.058/4.142. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the April 2, 2013, 10:18 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:**9.80/0/1.058/4.142. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** to accept the April 2, 2013 10:22 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 9.80/0/1.05/4.142. **Motion passes.**

3. **Student Government Report:** There is no Student Government report.
4. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson reported that the bad debt issue is bring forwarded to the Policy Committee. L. Corriveau would like the Policy Committee to look at the meal reimbursement policy and the athletic policy. He would like the committee to look at the policies by separating them K-6 and 7-12. We do not want to have the Athletic Director dealing with this issue. Every district has this issue.
5. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**
 - 5a. **Curriculum Report:** K. Craig explained and passed out her monthly report to the Board. She passed out the schedule of professional training dates for the summer.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: T. Kennett reported that the ACES 93 summer program is offering 3 sites, Gilsum, Troy and Swanzey. They are looking to embed the services to other students. We did a lot of individual programs and now there is one program and to pull out the kids when we need to.

L. Steadman asked about summer school. K. Craig informed the Board that there are funds available for 7-12 and the elementary students may be able to get help. There is a separate summer school for Title One. K. Craig commented we did not have data on the summer school and we felt the \$20,000.00 could be spent better elsewhere. K. Craig commented the summer program will require a pre and post test. It is required by the program. We have facts that bear the cuts. We have other programs and instruction in place that will help. L. Corriveau informed the Board that we have the highest dropout rate in Southern NH. L. Corriveau reported the State has approved the 2 day waiver. The last day of school will be June 21, 2013. He informed the Board that there will be a few non-public sessions. J. Fortson and D. LaPointe attended an energy conference. L. Corriveau said they did a great job. He thanked them both. The Interact Club will be having a Kona Ice fund raiser. The newsletter deadline is on May 15, 2013. The survey will end this week and the results will be reported this spring. The week of May 6, 2013 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. L. Corriveau has invited the Board Members to tour the schools to thank the staff. He thanked the School Board Members who attended the Promising Practices Night. The Service Awards Ceremony went well.

6b. Principal's report: J. Butterfield informed the Board MRHS will host 12 French students as a yearly exchange. J. Nikaforakis is entered in the Junior Olympics. The Key Club is holding a "bald is beautiful" fund raiser for J. Walsh and the Chorale Program fund raiser is being given to D. Crowder. MRMS/HS will hold an evacuation drill. They will have a presentation from a holocaust speaker. J.

Butterfield, K. Craig and L. Corriveau will attend the nomination for Teacher of the Year Ceremony for John Naso. The Keene Sentinel published an article about Ray Dunn. The scheduling continues and there are a number of searches in progress. Seven teachers are discussing enrichment classes for the summer and how they could be funded.

B. Mallet pitched a no hitter at the recent baseball game.

K. Craig commented that Jane Calnan had been nominated for Teacher of the Year as well.

J. Smith commented Cutler had the highest attendance at the Showcase of Promising Practices. He thanked the High School Jazz Band for their involvement with the Cutler Concert. Cutler will have a presentation from the Boston Museum of Science.

A. Salzmann welcomed the Board to Troy. Troy held their parent teacher conferences and she sat in on some of them. Jennifer Adams will be visiting from the East Hill Farm. Troy held their talent show and it went great. Thursday Troy will join with Emerson to hold a talent show together. Sy Montgomery wrote 15 books and will be visiting next week. A. Salzmann commented on the new test Troy is piloting.

B. Tatro commented on the parent teacher conferences. The conferences went well with 90 % of parent attendance. They held a book fair and the funds will be used to purchase books to give to the kids. Students from the National Honor Society will go to Mt. Caesar for community service. There are 47 students signed up for kindergarten for next year.

7. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** P. Bauries informed the Board she received an email from M. Funk stating his resignation from the Board. L. Corriveau has sent a letter to the selectmen regarding the vacant seats on the Board and the Budget Committee from the different towns. E. Stanley mentioned M. Funk commented on the time of the meetings. John Menton a former Business Manager has passed away. MAPS wants to meet with the Negotiating Committee. There will be a non-public session regarding the conversation with the teachers regarding the calendar.

8. **SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

8a. Budget Committee Report: The Budget Committee will be meeting on April 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

8b. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright reported the committee has not met. The course of studies is available. Jim Logan was at the Promising Practices.

8c. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee: E. Jacod informed the Board they will be discussing the MOU in non-public session. The committee is waiting for a response from the specialists and then they will hold another meeting.

8d. Community Relations: L. Steadman reported the committee met tonight. They reported on the recent events in which the members attended. There will be a Facebook page for the high school and ACES. They will post events. She would ask that the CRC be notified about upcoming events. The next meeting will be before the next Board Meeting.

8e. Finance Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee did not meet.

8f. Education Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee did not meet.

8g. Facilities Committee: E. Jacod reported the committee did not meet. They have received bids for the Phase Five work. There will be two motions later in the meeting. The next meeting is on April 30, 2013.

8h. Policy Committee: M. Blair informed the Board the committee did not have a quorum. The next meeting is on April 23, 2013.

8i. Technology Committee: M. Blair reported the committee met on April 8 and reviewed the job description for the new position. They discussed the tablet expansion, what new teachers would be new candidates and principal recommended. They will discuss the process of purchasing one unit for one LCD screen. Training will be done in May. The next meeting is on April 23.

9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board:

10. NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

10c. Motions from the Facilities Committee: MOTION: E. Jacod. **MOVED** on behalf of the Facilities committee to accept the bid in the amount of \$353,725.00 from Williams Construction for Phase Five work. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 9.760/0/1.088/4.142. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** on behalf of the Facilities Committee to accept the bid in the amount of \$636,000.00 from KPMB Plumbing for Phase Five work. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. *R. Thackston arrives.* **VOTE:** 10.858/0/1.099/3.044. **Motion passes.**

10d. Motions from the Policy Committee: There are no motions from the Technology Committee.

10e. Motions from Other Committees as needed: MOTION: R. Thackston **MOVED** to authorize the IT department to discuss IT services to the towns and the cost for the services. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** It was commented that they thought the IT Dept. was overworked. R. Thackston commented that the IT Dept. suggested this. E. Jacod commented he has no problem with N. Richardson meeting with the towns but we are in the business of providing education to the children. If we can make a few bucks and bond the schools and the towns that is a double gain. M. Blair commented the IT staff is overworked. He is not against it. N. Richardson lives in Troy and could provide services on non-district hours. R. Thackston commented if it is practical and good for both the town and the district. J. Carnie commented this is rather a complex matter and it should be offered to all the towns. E. Jacod suggested N. Richardson talk to the towns. L. Corriveau commented that we have students who could provide the service under supervision. **VOTE:** 9.547/0/2.410/3.044. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the following donations for the Gilsum students to go to Ferry Beach as follows: \$1100.00 from the Town of Gilsum, \$500.00 from the Town of Sullivan, \$250.00 from Conn. River Bank and a \$525.00 grant from Advocates for Healthy Youth. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.957/0/0/3.044. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to set the School Board Meeting time at 6:00 PM. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** A friendly amendment to use the June meetings as a trial. E. Jacod is concerned with the people that work. P. Peterson commented on the traveling time and the people that work. D. Coffman commented that some nights 6:00 PM will be a problem. It was commented the committee reports could be reduced. The motions could be done during the reports. M. Blair commented the meeting length is an issue. It was suggested to have non-public session first. R. Thackston gave the reason why they had the motions separate from the reports. L. Steadman suggested the committee reports be limited to 3 minutes or less. **VOTE:** 6.163/4.695/1.099/3.044. **Motion passes.**

10f. Action on the Manifest: MOTION: B. Faulkner **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of 1,185,074.62. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 11.957/0/0/3.044. **Motion passes.**

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

1. May 7, 2013 Meeting at Emerson

12. Public Comments:

13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:12 PM: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters, which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, E. Stanley,

D. Coffman, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, R. Thackston and L. Steadman.
Motion passes.

- 14. Public Session: MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to seal the April 16, 2013 9:12 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.951/0/0/3.044.
Motion passes.
- 15. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 10:02 PM: MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Compensation. **SECOND:** R. Smith **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, E. Stanley, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, L. Steadman and R. Thackston.
Motion passes.
- 16. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 10:12 PM: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Pending Litigation. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, E. Stanley, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, L. Steadman and R. Thackston.
Motion passes.
- 17. Public Session: MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to seal the April 16, 2013 10:12 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes. **SECOND:** J. Carnie. **VOTE:** 11.957/0/0/3.044.
Motion passes.
- 18. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 PM. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 11.957/0/0/3.044. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary