

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Non-Approved Minutes)
February 4, 2014
Mt. Caesar Elementary School, Swanzey, NH

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

Absent: Robert Smith, Richard Thackston, Mike Morrison and unassigned seats from Sullivan and Roxbury.

Administration present: L. Corriveau, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent and J. Fortson, Business Manager.

P. Bauries opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lynn Carey, principal at Mt. Caesar, welcomed the Board to the school. She is proud of the hard work being done in the school. Everyone is working on literacy.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the January 21, 2014 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 9.8/0/0/5.2. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the January 21, 2014, 8:38 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 9.8/0/0/5.2. **Motion passes**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the January 21, 2014, 9:15 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 9.8/0/0/5.2. **Motion passes.**

3. Student Government Report: Cameron Barth reported there will be a Pep Rally on Feb. 21, 2014. The high school and the middle school will both participate in the Winter Fest. The committee is trying to find ways to encourage kids to do better in school. On Saturday the committee will ask businesses to donate prizes to encourage better grades. The students that improve will receive one of the prizes.

4. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT: J. Fortson handed out the updated information on the LGC refund. She will give another update at the next meeting. She would like to thank everyone that helped find past employees who were to receive part of the refund. There have been over 700 checks given out. This refund issue is for 3 years past.

5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: K. Craig reported the NECAP results are here and they will be given to the public tomorrow. There are some points of light and areas of concern. The

high school did well but the elementary schools not so well. She has received the PSAT results. There were 116 students who took the test. There is information from the test that we can use and kids can improve. The Board has voted to give the PSAT to all sophomores during the school day. She gave out information on the F grades and the incomplete grades for grades 9-12. K. Craig will bring the report to the Education Committee. L. Corriveau commented the concern is not the incompletes but the Fs. Last year there were twice as many Fs.

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: L. Corriveau informed the Board has received his report. The Special Olympic Team thanked the Board for the Championship jackets. The draft of the Monadnock Education Matters went to print today. He will have a conference call with the people from NESDEC regarding working with the Board and District. The proposal will then go to the Education and Finance Committee if approved. There are nine people who will be taking the retirement incentive set by the Board. There will be a Promising Practices dinner meeting. He will ask the Board to approve the proposed calendar at the March meeting. It is an hour's calendar, no early release days and 2 weeks of vacation at Christmas break. There are 27 days that do not match up with the CCC calendar. This is a tough time for the teachers, changes in the budget, enrollment shrinking and a tough time for teachers in the business for a long time.

6b. Other Issues of Importance: There are no other issues at this time.

7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT: P. Bauries reported the Deliberative Session is on Feb. 8, 2014. The Board will meet at 9:00 AM. Jim O'Shaughnessy [sp] will be in attendance. She would ask the Board to finish their self evaluations and send them to Linda Reinhart [added] or herself. The District is waiting for the funds from the Sullivan School. Attorney Bradley representing Sullivan wants to sit in on the closing. J. O'Shaughnessy [sp] will contact Attorney Bradley regarding the situation. P. Bauries informed the Board the Legislative Forum was well attended, 10 legislative representatives, six School Board Members and select persons. There was a great exchange that took place. It was encouraging. It was suggested to have the forum twice a year. P. Bauries informed the Board she has received a petition from the Budget Committee Chair regarding the funding for Charter Schools. She read the petition and suggested a change that she would like to share with the Board and the Budget Committee Chair. She would suggest equal funding for all students. She asked anyone wanting to be in on the conference call to NESDEC it will happen on Thursday. The Board has received a letter from the Surry Village School asking for \$3000.00 per student. The committee took no action. She will be discussing the Troy litigation in non-public.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. SAU 93 Committee: There is no report tonight.

8b. Budget Committee Report: E. Stanley reported the next meeting is the Deliberative Session on Feb. 8, 2014.

8c. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright informed the Board he attended a working breakfast. The auto and machine shop have been accepted by the National Board and accredited. The Early

Childhood will now prepare students to teach not to babysit. They are concerned with the number of days in conflict. The Fire Science Program has been approved and certified.

8d. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee: E. Jacod reported the committee did not meet.

8e. Community Relations: L. Steadman reported the committee met earlier tonight and reviewed Education Matters. The committee will meet again on March 18, 2014.

8f. Finance Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee met on Jan. 28, 2014. They reviewed the MS22 and the budget cuts. They looked at what the cuts will mean in staff. We have been making cuts in the budget but one problem is the additional warrant articles, which means the cost per pupil is really not being reduced. They discussed the Sullivan closeout. They were updated on the court proceedings with the Town of Troy against the School Board. They discussed the turn-around coach and what we need for that. The MS27 and food service were discussed. There was no action taken on the request from the Surry Village School. L. Corriveau and K. Craig reviewed the principal's matrix. M. Blair spoke on his disappointment with the \$90,000.00 reduction from the budget.

8g. Education Committee: J. Carnie informed the committee 19 states have withdrawn from the Common Core. Bill 1508 is proposing the State of NH withdraw from the Common Core. M. Blair spoke regarding the \$90,000.00 reduction to the budget. K. Craig spoke on the proposal to restructure the dept. chairs. There was no action on the proposal. The committee will vote at their next meeting. The next meeting is on Feb. 10, 2014.

8h. Facilities Committee: E. Jacod informed the Board the committee has not met but if something important was to happen they would meet.

8i. Policy Committee: The committee met last week and have three motions later in the meeting.

8j. Technology Committee: The Technology Committee met and discussed the technology trainer to bring the teachers up to speed. E-rate is a way to get back funds. We need a cable line to be dropped in the school. The damage to the chrome books was discussed.

8k. Sports Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee did not meet.

8l. Wellness Committee: L. Steadman reported the committee met with nurses, PE teachers and teachers to discuss healthy Monadnock, to teach students about healthy acting and healthy eating. We need to get our policy up to date with the group's policy. J. Carnie commented we need to have consistency with the Wellness policy throughout the District.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

9a. J. Carnie would question the petition brought to the Board from the Budget Committee Chair. He does not feel he wants to take action. It is subject for debate. *M. Blair arrives. [When did he leave? He is listed as speaking previously. lar]* D. Coffman would like guidance on the petition brought forth by W. Lechlinder. P. Bauries explained the Budget Committee is asking the Board to sign the petition to give to the NHSBA. E. Stanley commented this was not voted on by the Budget

committee. **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to accept the request from W. Lechluder and to vote on it. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to amend the motion to read as follows: That all students in NH receive the same adequacy funding Public or Charter from the State of NH and that school districts do not have to fund Charter Schools for students with Special Needs. **SECOND:** D. Coffman. **VOTE on amendment:** 9.631/1.227/0/4.142. **Amendment passes. VOTE on amended motion:** 10.025/.833/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10a. Motions from the Finance Committee: **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to allow up to \$40,000.00 to hire consultants to assist in giving options from a “Turnaround Coach” for the MRSD schools. **SECOND:** M. Blair **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie explained this will give the Administration the tools needed to bring the full Board options for reaching higher academic standards while reducing the cost per student. The vision is to have the consultant(s) on board for about 3 months, during the later part of March and early May. K. Craig found the funds in unspent summer school money, saved on a teacher resigning and the replacement less and saved on staff not taking the benefits. Nothing was taken from the students. **VOTE:** 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

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

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

10d. Motions from the Policy Committee: **MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to delete Policy IGAEA. This is a duplicate Wellness Policy which is Policy JLCF. J. Carnie would like to know what he is deleting. He would move to table the motion.

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy BDE Committees and Delegates as presented. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** E. Stanley would like to add a friendly amendment to add the Sports Committee as number nine under standing committees. M. Blair would agree. **VOTE:** 9.675/1.183/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair. **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy IKB-Homework as recommended by the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent as presented. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** P. Bauries spoke to K. Craig and this should go to the Education Committee first. K. Craig can wait until the Education Committee has the opportunity to review Policy IKB-Homework. M. Blair and E. Stanley withdraw their motion.

10e. Motion from the Community Relations Committee: There are no motions from the CRC.

10f. Motions from Other Committees as needed: There are no motions from any other committee.

10g. Action on the Manifest: **MOTION:** B. Faulkner **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$1,823,174.58. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

10h. New Business: L. Corriveau reported on the fundraisers in the District. He reported on 16 different fundraisers. L. Steadman mentioned the Wellness Policy is concerned with certain goods that are sold as fundraisers.

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to approve the senior alpine adventure field trip in Maine on May 16, 2014-May 17, 2014. **SECOND:** E. Stanley **DISCUSSION:** E. Jacod asked about the insurance impact. J. Fortson explained the students are covered wherever they are. **VOTE:** 9.760/0/0/5.241. **Motion passes. (L. Steadman missing from vote)**

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

1. Review the warrant articles with the attorney

12. Public Comments: M. Blair informed the Board K. Blair is the State Champion in the 600 meter and the Boys Relay Team came in 4th. They are all on their way to Boston to compete. Congratulations!!!!

E. Jacod leaves the meeting.

13. 8:56 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 the reputation of any person. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** J. Carnie, E. Stanley, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, M. Blair, L. Steadman, P. Peterson, W. Wright and P. Bauries. 10.025/0/0/4.975. **Motion passes.**

B. Faulkner leaves the meeting.

14. 9:29 PM MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Pending Litigation. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** J. Carnie, D. Coffman, M. Blair, W. Wright, L. Steadman, E. Stanley, P. Peterson and P. Bauries. 10.858/0/0/4.142 **Motion passes.**

15. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 PM. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary