

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**(Non-Approved Minutes)**  
**January 21, 2014**  
**Monadnock Regional MS/HS Swanzey, NH**

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

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

**Administration present:** L. Corriveau, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, T. Kennett, Director of Student Services 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:** There are no public comments.
2. **Consent Agenda: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the January 7, 2014 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner **VOTE:** 8.742/0/2.116/4.142. **Motion passes.**  
  
**MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the January 7, 2014, 8:23 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 8.742/0/2.116/4.142. **Motion passes**  
  
**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the January 7, 2014, 8:45 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 8.742/0/2.116/4.142. **Motion passes.**  
  
**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the January 7, 2014, 9:45 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 7.684/0/3.174/4.142. **Motion passes.**
3. **Student Government Report:** There is no Student Government report.
4. **BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:** J. Fortson informed the Board they should vote on Warrant Article One tonight. J. Fortson would like the Board to sign a document acknowledging that the Board agrees with everything regarding Sullivan. This is a request from the Sullivan attorney. J. Fortson commented it is pretty much said and done concerning the building. The District will subtract any outstanding costs owed by Sullivan from the LGC refund and the surplus.

**5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** K. Craig commented L. Corriveau would be speaking this month and she has included her report in the Board packets. She explained the Finance or Education Committees have not met. She will be bringing proposals to the subcommittees for their approval. The proposals are for the SMART program, Dept. Chair restructuring and ACT Aspire

**6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**6a. Correspondence and Announcements:** L. Corriveau informed the Board the Budget Committee reduced the proposed budget by \$90,000.00. Tomorrow Ray McNulty and Sue Szachowicz will be presenting to the Board and administration. The calendar draft #4 is for the Board to review. He would ask for a recommendation in February. It is an hour's calendar and there are two weeks for Christmas break. He is very pleased with the health screening that was done for the staff. There were about 150 employees who participated. Margaret Ann Moran one of the Board's attorney's has been appointed a judge. We wish her well. On January 30, 2014 they will hold the Legislative Forum. He has not received very many responses. The District will follow up with another invite. We need to discuss the issues facing the District. We need to create budgets that the taxpayers will support with a quality of education. He had reported last year there had been 18 students that dropped out of school and as of today there are only 3 students. That is a considerable improvement. He would commend the staff for that. We are working toward a 0 drop out rate. Members from the International Center for Leadership and Education are in his proposal. The Budget Committee moved a motion to ask the Board to hire a consultant to study the District, ways to improve the quality of education and to address the tax and funding issues. Look at the configuration of the schools. NESTEC do this kind of thing. He will speak to Finance about this issue. D. Coffman asked the Board Members to reach out to their select person and ask them to attend the Legislative forum.

**6b. Other Issues of Importance:** T. Kennett reported the SMART Program has 16 students participating. They all have learning opportunities and pushing for more rigor. There have been no major discipline issues. They are taking charge of their own learning. T. Kennett is looking at next year and what programs we need to meet the needs of the kids. The HS students and the staff have made the biggest change for the students.

**7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** P. Bauries informed the Board she and L. Corriveau met with Chris Coats and Wayne Woolrich at SAU 29 and discussed the same issues facing both schools and ways they can work together. Keene is focusing on the drug force. The SSO at Monadnock is doing a great job and we do not have the concerns that Keene does. We want to continue to talk and build the bridge. We came away very hopeful. The School Board evaluation sheets are in the packets. P. Bauries would ask the Board Members to fill them out and get them back to L. Reinhart. MRSB has been nominated School Board of the Year. The teachers have received the letters from the Board concerning the retirement incentive. L. Corriveau will speak during non-public session.

**8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**8b. Budget Committee Report:** E. Stanley reported the committee met and voted on the warrant articles after the Public Hearing.

**8c. Cheshire Career Center:** W. Wright informed the Board the CCC will hold their Advisory Meeting at 7:30 AM on January 31, 2014.

**8d. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee:** E. Jacod reported the Union has signed and agreed with the changes asked for by the Board. All is smooth sailing.

**8e. Community Relations:** L. Steadman reported the committee met earlier tonight and reviewed the warrant article explanations. The explanations are for the Board to review so they can be placed in the Education Matters Newsletter. The next meeting is on Feb. 4, 2014.

**8f. Finance Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee has not met

**8g. Education Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee has not met.

**8h. Facilities Committee:** E. Jacod informed the Board the committee met on January 15, 2014. Megan from the Keene Sentinel and the Cutler principal were in attendance. It is reported they are waiting for Fairpoint at the Wilcox building. The District is waiting for the certificate of occupancy from the Town of Swanzev regarding the Wilcox building. They had a Sullivan alarm call. There was no heat at the school. There has been a saving of between \$120,000.00 and \$140,000.00 with switching the heating at the MS/HS. The sander recently purchased has saved the District about \$3600.00. D. LaPointe has spent a lot of time on the proposed additions and upgrades on the new science rooms. The committee discussed moving the SAU to the MS/HS. There are some items that need to be sorted out. The J building is empty. There is no meeting scheduled at this time. If one is needed they will schedule.

**8i. Policy Committee:** The committee did not meet.

**8j. Technology Committee:** The Technology Committee did not meet.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS:**

**9a. Vote on Warrant Articles: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept Warrant Article One as voted on by the Budget Committee in the amount of \$31,710,655.00. **SECOND:** J. Carnie. **DISCUSSION:** L. Corriveau commented the administration team met and as a result of the \$90,000.00 reduction by the Budget Committee they would agree and eliminate the proposed chrome books. **VOTE:** 8.702/2.156/0/4.142. **Motion passes.** J. Fortson will pass around the articles to be signed the Board in support or not support. J. Carnie commented just because the Budget Committee said to cut the chrome books the Board can cut where they want. K. Craig commented she would love to see the addition of the chrome books but there

are tough decisions that need to be made. L. Corriveau commented this is not a change in philosophy. If we get grants we will come back to the Board.

J. Fortson tried to print out the information for the Board regarding Sullivan in order for the Board to consider the request from the Sullivan attorney. She was not able to print it.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**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:** There are no motions from Policy.

**10e. Motion from the Community Relations Committee: MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to approve the explanation of the warrant articles as presented by the CCC with the exception of adding \$90,000.00 to the figures in the proposed budget explanation and to add no explanation to Article 10 and Article 11 due to the fact the articles were brought by petition. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION: MOTION:** D. Coffman **MOVED** to amend the explanation and add the originators of the petitioned Article 10 and petitioned Article 11. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** W. Wright commented it will open up issues. We do not want to influence the voting. B. Faulkner commented it is a bad idea. This is a cooperative school district. We do not want to put one against the other. It will create an argument. D. Coffman commented we try to influence all the time. This sheet is to educate. E. Jacod commented this sheet contains facts from the CRC. The explanation is for the articles coming from the administration not for petitioned articles. J. Carnie commented that is how we got in trouble last year on the apportionment formula. We took no position. That is the best road we could take. It is by petition it is not up to the Board to explain. **VOTE:** 1.058/8.702/1.099/4.142. **Amendment fails.** The CRC is asking the MRSB to endorse the explanation of the warrant articles. **VOTE:** 9.800/1.058/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

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

**10g. Action on the Manifest: MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$1,355,701.38. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner **VOTE:** 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

**10h. New Business:** L. Corriveau reported on the fundraisers in the District. The Monadnock Equestrian Team will have a fundraiser at D'Angelos, Cutler NHDI and Destination Imagination will hold a fundraiser, Emerson will hold a school apparel fundraiser, Emerson will hold a Ferry Beach raffle, Emerson will hold a jump rope for heart event, the HS Destination Imagination will hold a fundraiser and the Special Olympics will hold a fundraiser.

**MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to approve the Gilsum K-6 field trip to Worcester, MA.  
**SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept a grant in the amount of \$1440.00 to Destination Imagination, a grant in the amount of \$200.00 to Mt. Caesar and a \$200.00 grant to Gilsum.  
**SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

J. Carnie asked why E. Stanley voted against the Union contract at the Budget Committee Meeting when in fact the Board voted as a whole to support. E. Stanley commented he was not present when the Board voted for the Union contract. J. Carnie commented we may have a problem. Why did you vote that way? E. Stanley commented he did not agree with the percentage of increase. If he had known the vote he would have voted with the Board. J. Fortson explained if E. Stanley voted yes it would not have changed the results.

The next School Board Meeting will be at Mt. Caesar.

Attorney O'Shaunessey will be present for the Deliberative Session.

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

**1. Self-evaluations**

**12. Public Comments:** There are no public comments.

**13. 8:38 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:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** E. Jacod, J. Carnie, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, L. Steadman, P. Peterson, W. Wright and P. Bauries. 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

**14. 9:15 PM MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II ( a ) Negotiations. **SECOND:** D. Coffman **VOTE:** E. Jacod, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, W. Wright, L. Steadman, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, P. Peterson and P. Bauries. 10.858/0/0/4.142 **Motion passes.**

**15. 9:15 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, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, M. Morrison, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, P. Peterson, W. Wright and P. Bauries. 8.742/0/0/6.258. **Motion passes.**

**16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** D. Coffman **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 PM. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary