

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
July 16, 2013
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Ed Jacod, Barry Faulkner, Pat Bauries, Dan Coffman, Mike Morrison, Lisa Steadman, James Carnie and Mike Blair.

Absent: Phyllis Peterson, Eric Stanley, Winston Wright, Richard Thackston, Robert Smith, Elizabeth Johnson and unassigned Sullivan seat.

Administration present: L. Corriveau, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, T. Kennett, Dir. 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: B. Tatro spoke on behalf of Bruce Tatro who was not able to attend the meeting. She asked about the process to replace Board Members and the information gathered.

K. Bohannan is concerned with the amount of students in the kindergarten class and one teacher. She would ask the Board to readdress the number of teachers and support staff for the classrooms.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to accept the June 18, 2013 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 7.36/0/1.099/6.596. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to accept the June 18, 2013, 9:35 PM Sealed Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** M. Morrison **VOTE:** 4.232/0/4.172/6.596. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to accept the June 18, 2013, 9:53 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 6.248/0/2.156/6.596. **Motion passes.**

Include the June 18, 2013 9:35 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes in the next packet.

3. Student Government Report: There is no Student Government report.

- 4. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson received a letter from LGC which stated the District would be getting back \$191,716.00. This is from a 2011 overpayment. The second letter stated the District will receive an additional \$595,000.00 for overpayment in 2010. We should be receiving the \$191,716.00 soon.

J. Fortson informed the Board that as of yesterday the towns are behind 1.75 million dollars. She will visit every select board to tell them why the District is not able to pay their bills. She will be holding checks until the funds are received from the towns.

J. Fortson passed out a handout on Sullivan. She informed the Board the District has not received a payment for last year's taxes or a payment for the building.

5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

5a. Curriculum Report: K. Craig reported the teachers have been working all day on math with a clearer understanding of the standards.

K. Craig introduced the new principal of Cutler and the new principal of Mt. Caesar.

K. Craig passed out information to the Board. It listed the schools in NH which are now on the list of Focus Schools. Emerson is now a Focus School. Emerson is not the worst school in the District or State. Emerson receives Title One funding so is placed on the list if they do not meet the qualifications. She will be going to the State to get answers. There is a lot of work being done but we need to see results.

L. Corriveau informed the Board the principals are not present because they are taking their vacations now instead of during the school year.

The administration informed the Board they discussed the kindergarten class size at a retreat. The administration will approach the Board in August regarding the class size.

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: L. Corriveau commented that the Board should not get upset regarding the Focus School status. It is due to the wide gap between the sub groups and the regular ed. students. We have work to do in the District. He would like to give an assessment to the 9th and 10th grades. Troy participated in the new exam program and did well. K. Craig explained why Emerson was on the Focus List.

L. Corriveau informed the Board Ron Upton the new assistant principal has started work. A retreat will be held on August 22, 2013. There are 23 applications for the SSO position. The Board should have the SSO search committee form to review the applications and hold interviews. **MOTION:** M. Morrison. **MOVED** to reestablish the SSO Committee. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 5.290/0/3.115/6.596. **Motion passes.**

L. Corriveau informed the Board the deadline for the back to school newsletter is on August 15, 2013. The administration will be looking at enrollment. In NH the student enrollment has gone down. Monadnock has a slight decrease. He will bring a legal update during non-public.

6b. MRMHS Student Handbook: J. Butterfield is looking for a tentative approval to send the student handbook to the printer. **MOTION:** M. Morrison. **MOVED** to give a tentative approval to go ahead with the publication process and approve the draft. **SECOND:** D. Coffman. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie commented the Board is being asked to approve something they have not seen. J. Carnie would like to vote on the final copy. L. Corriveau and K. Craig have received the hand book. The Board has another meeting on August 13, 2013 but by waiting until then the handbook would not be ready for the students. J. Carnie would like to know what M. Blair has as policy issues for the handbook. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to amend the motion to accept the draft with final approval by the Policy Chair and the Board Chair before going to print. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** M. Blair would like to make sure what is in the handbook is in the policies. He would like to double check it. **Friendly amendment:** J. Carnie would like the draft to go to the Policy Chair then to the Board Chair and finally to the Board for approval. **VOTE:** 8.404/0/0/6.596. **Motion passes.**

6c. Principals and Supervisors Reports: The principals gave a written report to the Board.

6d. Other Issues of Importance: L. Corriveau informed the Board that J. Butterfield would like to send local businesses a letter to encourage them to get involved and if not to ask for a donation. L. Corriveau will send the letter to the Policy Committee to review. M. Morrison commented that it is a good idea and to include government agencies. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to empower the Policy Committee to review and approve the letter presented by J. Butterfield to the local businesses. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** L. Corriveau explained the Board has to authorize the letter. He does not have the letter but does support it. J. Carnie does not see why it needs to go to the Policy Committee. It is a School Board decision. He would suggest including the letter in the next Board packet and vote at the August 13 meeting. M. Blair commented the Policy Committee will meet on August 6, 2013. J. Carnie commented it is not up to the Policy Committee to approve. **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to amend the motion and allow the Policy Committee to review only not approve. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** L. Steadman suggested designating one or two people to review the letter. **VOTE on amendment:** 4.132/4.272/0/6.596. **Motion fails. Vote on original motion:** 5.330/3.074/0/6.596. **Motion passes.**

- 7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** P. Bauries informed the Board we do not need to do anything regarding the Bi-Laws. She would like to welcome Ron Upton, Lynne and Linda to the District. She would like to remind the Board the next meeting is on August 13, 2013 in Gilsum.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. Budget Committee Report: The committee will meet on August 27, 2013.

8b. Cheshire Career Center: There is no report for the CCC.

8c. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee: E. Jacod informed the Board the committee will be meeting in September. E. Jacod reported he, P. Bauries and W. Wright attended a workshop that covered many details that have a big effect on a negotiating session. They also received an excellent handout.

8d. Community Relations: L. Steadman informed the Board the committee did not meet. She asked about the MRSD printed tablecloth. The next meeting is on August 13, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

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

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

8g. Facilities Committee: E. Jacod reported the science rooms are moving along. Tony is taking charge of the issues at the other schools and D. LaPointe is concentrating on the MS/HS. J. Butterfield informed the committee a senior will be doing 2 score boards as an Eagle Scout project. E. Jacod reported on the ongoing issue of the Husky House. He commented all issues need to go through the proper channels. The "J" building issue needs to be resolved on whether to move it or not. The Facilities Committee will meet on July 30, 2013 at 4:00 PM.

8h. Policy Committee: M. Blair reported the committee met on June 25, 2013. He will present two policies under motions.

8i. Technology Committee: M. Blair reported the committee met on June 25 and July 9. The committee discussed the implementation of the technology plan along with ideas. They discussed the \$100,000.00 surplus and to develop a plan titled One to One Technology Implementation Plan. Grades 7, 8 and 9 will receive chrome books. The students will be allowed to take the chrome books home but will be responsible for the replacement cost if they are damaged or lost. The District will purchase additional chrome books for the 6th grades. It will be up to the principal and the classrooms teachers on whether they will be allowed to take them home. The committee has decided not to invest in additional TouchIt screens but to invest in projectors with HDMI capability. The current policy states the students can take home their text books. The committee is following the same policy for the chrome books. P. Bauries asked if the bids came to the Finance Committee. M. Blair commented they would have brought the bids but the committee did not meet. This committee needed to move ahead. J. Carnie asked if the vote was unanimous at the committee level. M. Blair stated it was unanimous. J. Carnie would like to be assured

that private information of the students will not be used. M. Blair commented Google has a rigorous privacy policy on the use of student information. J. Carnie asked if these pieces of technology will be used as part of the common core. K. Craig commented she does not believe that is the piece. It is for students to learn, a tool for learning. L. Corriveau informed the Board we can ask the question. T. Kennett commented that there are no apps being added. J. Carnie commented that there are parts of the common core that are questionable. If this is to be used as part of the common core to gather data and use the data he has an issue. D. Coffman spoke on the chrome books and commented that we need to move on.

8j. Sports Task Force: M. Blair informed the Board the committee met twice. They discussed the sports programs offered current and future. The committee reviewed the budget. The motion for the dance institute program was unanimous. The committee discussed the Husky House.

9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: There is no other old business to discuss.

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: There are no motions from the Facilities committee.

10d. Motions from the Policy Committee: MOTION: M. Morrison **MOVED** to adopt the amended Policy JLCJ Concussions and Head Injuries as written. **SECOND:** L. Steadman. **VOTE:** 8.404/0/0/6.596. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair. **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy BBBE Unexpired Term Fulfillment as amended. **SECOND:** E. Jacod.

DISCUSSION: J. Carnie commented this is out of order. M. Blair commented this is a new motion. It was modified. It is a new motion. J. Carnie commented this information is not what was voted on at the annual meeting. L. Steadman commented this is in accordance by law. J. Carnie said it was changed at the annual meeting. B. Faulkner read the statute and explained the State statute controls. J. Carnie would disagree. M. Blair agrees with B. Faulkner we cannot supersede the statute. L. Corriveau would suggest contacting the attorney. **MOTION:** J. Carnie. **MOVED** to table the motion until the issue is fully presented to our attorney. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 5.190/3.214/0/6.596. **Motion passes.**

10e. Motions from Other Committees as needed: MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to allow the Stipend Committee to reform to review a number of topics that have come up and to review the stipend matrix. **SECOND:** L. Steadman. **VOTE:** 7.571/.833/0/6.596. **Motion passes.**

10f. Action on the Manifest: MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$1,028,886.64. **SECOND:** D. Coffman. **VOTE:** 7.221/0/1.183/6.596. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair. **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$110,839.40. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **VOTE:** 7.221/0/1.1183/6.596. **Motion passes.**

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

12. Public Comments: Christine Kennedy of Swanzy appreciated the fact the Board would be looking at the enrollment numbers.

B. Tatro of Swanzy commented that data has been collected at the State level for years. She asked if the cost was the concern.

K. Goodenough asked that the Facilities Committee to seek a resolution to the Husky House issue. She would suggest a conversation with all parties.

J. Carnie commented that it has nothing to do with the State regarding the information. He would hope everyone would find out about the Federal Common Core Curriculum Standards.

13. 9:47 PM MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee: **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** E. Jacod, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, L. Steadman, M. Blair, M. Morrison and P. Bauries. 8.404/0/0/6.596. **Motion passes.**

14. 10:45 PM MOTION: M. Blair **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, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, L. Steadman, M. Blair, M. Morrison and P. Bauries. 8.404/0/0/6.596. **Motion passes.**

15. Return to Public Session: MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to seal the 10:45 PM July 16, 2013 Non-Public Minutes until July 1, 2014. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 8.404/0/0/6.596. **Motion passes.**

16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 PM. **SECOND:** M. Morrison **VOTE:** 8.404/0/0/6.506. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary