

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**(Approved Minutes)**  
**March 19, 2013**  
**Cutler School, Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Richard Thackston, Ed Jacod, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Barry Faulkner, Phyllis Peterson, Dan Coffman, Robert Smith, Mike Morrison, James Carnie, E. Stanley, Mark Funk and Mike Blair.

**Absent:** Lisa Steadman and unassigned Sullivan seat.

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

**Principals present:** B. Tatro and J. Smith

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

Superintendent Corriveau opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

R. Thackston swore in W. Hutwelker as the SAU 93 Moderator.

W. Hutwelker swore in P. Bauries, E. Jacod, B. Faulkner, M. Morrison and D. Coffman as the new School Board Members.

Trevor and Tyler Stevens both members of the Boy Scouts were introduced to the Board. Tyler is also a member of the championship Monadnock Football Team and will be returning to the team next fall.

L. Corriveau asked for nomination for Board Chair. **MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to nominate P. Bauries as Board Chair. **SECOND:** E. Jacod.

**MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to nominate M. Blair as Board Chair. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to close the nominations for Board Chair. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 12.110/0/0/2.890. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** M. Funk **MOVED** to call for a ballot vote. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **DISCUSSION:** R. Thackston explained it is still a weighted vote. The names are on the ballot. **VOTE:** 3.409/9.8/0/1.79. **Motion fails.** P. Bauries addressed the Board on behalf of herself for the Board Chair position. M. Blair addressed the Board on behalf of himself for the Board Chair position. **Yes vote for P. Bauries and No vote for M. Blair.** **VOTE:** 7.684/5.29/.235/1.791. **P. Bauries is Board Chair.**

**P. Bauries takes over the meeting from Superintendent Corriveau.** P. Bauries asked for nominations for Vice Chair. **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to nominate M. Blair as the Vice

Chair. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to nominate R. Thackston as the Vice Chair. **DISCUSSION:** R. Thackston addressed the Board on behalf of himself. M. Blair addressed the Board on behalf of himself. J. Carnie spoke in support of R. Thackston. E. Stanley spoke in support of M. Blair. E. Jacod had concerns regarding Union issue with M. Blair's wife who is part of the Union. M. Blair explained that he has always excused himself from the voting on Union issues or issues regarding his wife. M. Funk spoke in support of M. Blair. **VOTE:** 7.809/5.399/0/1.791. **M. Blair is the new Vice Chair.**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There are no Public Comments.

**2. Consent Agenda: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the March 5, 2013 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 11.093/0/2.116/1.791. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the March 5, 2013, 8:16 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 10.035/0/3.174/1.791. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the March 5, 2013, 8:21 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.035/0/3.174/1.791. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the March 5, 2013, 8:30 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 10.035/0/3.174/1.791. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the March 5, 2013, 8:38 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.035/0/3.174/1.791. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the March 5, 2013, 8:41 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 10.035/0/3.174/1.791. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the March 5, 2013, 8:58 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 8.977/0/4.232/1.791. **Motion passes.**

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

**4. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson passed out a Sullivan tuition agreement to the Board for review. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to accept the Sullivan tuition agreement as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** It was explained that the figure presented tonight for the tuition is for new and returning Sullivan students. **VOTE:** 13.209/0/0/1.791. **Motion passes. R. Thackston leaves the meeting.**

**5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**5a. Curriculum Report:** K. Craig reported she had passed out her report by email and hard copy. She and 13 other staff members attended a weekend conference which was paid for by a grant. They had great speakers. They focused on technology.

## 6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

**6a. Correspondence and Announcements:** L. Corriveau reported they will hold the Hall of Fame Ceremony on Sunday. He will meet with the DOE regarding the Sullivan Withdrawal from the SAU. On Monday they will have a half day to discuss emergency plans. They will have 18 presenters. Next week they will launch a parent staff and student survey. L. Corriveau has been working on the NHB of the year award application. He said the Board will be very competitive. L. Corriveau informed the Board that we have a lunch payment policy but we have a debt of \$16,000.00. He is very concerned. We need to discuss the policy and with Finance. We need to take action, why is it not working. A portion of the \$16,000.00 is from the previous year.

L. Corriveau commented after the vote on the SRO he would suggest forming a task force to draw up a job description for a district wide SRO. **MOTION:** M. Morrison **MOVED** to form a committee to prepare a job description for the district wide SRO position. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** The Board discussed the members but not a police officer. This person will be answerable to the people in the district. M. Morrison commented it needs to be affiliated with the police dept. R. Smith commented it may be a struggle to fill the position with the funds available. **VOTE:** 9.036/0/3.74/2.890. **Motion passes.** The member for the Task Force for the SRO will be W. Wright, N. Richardson, M. Morrison, Superintendent Corriveau, Assistant Superintendent Craig, P. Peterson, J. Smith, J. Butterfield and an official.

**6b. Principal's report:** J. Smith informed the Board it was a great opportunity to attend the weekend conference. He informed the Board Cutler will hold their talent show Friday and all are welcome. Next week they will hold math night and literacy night. Cutler has been awarded the Children's Literature grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. The Board will invite the staff member who worked through her February vacation to write the grant to the next meeting. The Board will have to hold a Public Hearing prior to the Board Meeting to accept the funds. W. Wright, E. Jacod, M. Blair, K. Craig and L. Corriveau read to the children last week.

B. Tatro informed the Board Mt. Caesar will have their Art Show. Every student will have something displayed. A spaghetti dinner will be held prior to the show, there are 200 people signed up. B. Tatro commented on a wonderful weekend conference. The speakers were very good and all spoke regarding technology.

## 7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT: P. Bauries thanked the Board for placing the responsibility on her shoulders. She will do her best. She is looking forward to working with M. Blair as Vice Chair.

P. Bauries presented the committee assignments. The Board will vote on the committees as one motion.

CRC- R. Thackston, L. Steadman, E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, M. Morrison.

Policy- R. Thackston, W. Wright, B. Faulkner, M. Morrison, L. Steadman, M. Blair

Education- R. Thackston, P. Bauries, P. Peterson, W. Wright, M. Blair, M. Morrison, J. Carnie

Facilities- R. Thackston, E. Jacod, E. Stanley, B. Faulkner, M. Morrison, R. Smith

Finance- R. Thackston, P. Bauries, P. Peterson, W. Wright, J. Carnie, M. Blair

Technology- R. Thackston, E. Stanley, M. Blair, L. Steadman, P. Bauries

Budget- E. Stanley

CCC- W. Wright

Negotiations- R. Thackston, E. Jacod, L. Steadman, P. Bauries, W. Wright, B. Faulkner.

**MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to accept the committee assignments as presented.

**SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.052/0/0/3.948. **Motion passes.**

## **8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**8a. Community Relations Committee:** E. Jacod reported the committee has not met.

**8b. Education Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee did meet on Feb. 13, 2013. They discussed the sports policy of adding and removing sports. They had a report from T. Kennett regarding the summer programs. They heard from the K. Craig regarding meetings with SAU 29 and River Valley. They had an update from J. Butterfield on the master schedule and eliminating classes with less than 10 students enrolled.

**8c. Facilities Committee:** The Facilities Committee has not met. They would like to meet on March 26, 2013 at 4:00 PM.

**8d. Finance Committee:** J. Carnie reported the Finance Committee met and discussed the ACES 93 pay scale and the problems that have occurred. T. Kennett updated the committee on the Alternative Program and negotiated a three year contract with Plato. The committee received an update on the grant funds. They discussed the proposed early retirement costs. A letter has been sent out to the eligible members. The SRO was discussed regarding sharing the position with all the towns in the district. A budget transfer was discussed, LGC revenues and return update was discussed as well as the monthly expense report and the Wilcox funds.

**8e. Policy Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee did not meet. They will meet on March 26, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

**8f. Budget Committee Rep.:** E. Stanley reported the committee has not met. They are scheduled to meet on April 23, 2013.

**8g. Technology Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee met on March 11, 2013. The committee made a recommendation of a cross reference regarding E. Kaplan's request but not a change in the policy. The committee discussed the IT volunteers that have not been

logging in at the help desk. The IT position in the budget was discussed. They will bring a job description at the next meeting. The committee received a presentation from Touch It Technologies. The committee would like to pilot the Touch It Program. The chrome books will be used as part of the pilot program. The next meeting is on March 26, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

**8h. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee:** P. Bauries reported the committee has not met.

**8i. Cheshire Career Center:** W. Wright reported there is a meeting on March 22, 2013 at 7:30 AM. An Advisory Meeting is planned for March 27, 2013 at 5:30 PM.

**9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:**

**9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board:** M. Morrison commented the SRO figure was not an arbitrary number.

M. Funk commented that the Board needs to vote and make a recommendation to the DOE on Article Seven, the apportionment. **MOTION:** M. Funk **MOVED** to approve Warrant Article Seven as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 12.110/0/0/2.890. **Motion passes.**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**10b. Motions from the Policy Committee:** **MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to establish an advisory committee to review adding and/ or modifying the sports programs. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 12.110/0/0/2.890. **Motion passes.** The members for the committee will be R. Smith, M. Blair, J. Carnie, E. Stanley and T. Stewart.

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

**10d. Motions from the Finance Committee:** **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to approve the Budget transfer of \$299.00 from the Board of Education to the Equipment account. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie explained P. Bauries had asked for this. She is having a difficult time writing the minutes. M. Blair would suggest a chrome book for all members. J. Carnie commented it was specific to Pat's request. See how it goes. **VOTE:** 12.110/0/0/2.890. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the Three-year contract for the Alternative program (The Plato Addendum) in the amount of \$18,400.00. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** This is an on line course for the alternative program. K. Craig explained how it will be used. She gave T. Kennett a lot of credit for this effort. **VOTE:** 12.110/0/0/2.890. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** R. Smith **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$1,962,513.40. **SECOND:** M. Funk. **VOTE:** 12.110/0/0/2.890. **Motion passes.** J. Fortson mentioned that not all the towns have paid. Some of the towns are two months behind.

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

**10f. Motions from the Technology Committee:** There are no motions from the Technology Committee.

**10g. Other Old Business as may come before the Board:** L. Corriveau informed the Board of the following fundraisers: the Class of 2016 will hold a dance on April 19, 2013, Project Graduation will raffle off donated baskets and the Interact Club will have a meatball sub sale and a mother day flower sale.

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

- 1. Nominations**
- 2. Cutler Literature Grant**

**12. Public Comments:** E. Stanley commented he had seen the play and it was awesome.

Destination Imagination will be competing this Saturday, Good Luck.

It was commented M. Blair and his wife deserve a lot of credit for their dedication to the students.

**13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:55 PM: MOTION:** E. Jacod **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:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, E. Stanley, D. Coffman, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, Robert Smith, M. Morrison and M. Funk. **Motion passes.**

**14. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 10:05 PM: MOTION:** E. Stanley **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, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, Robert Smith, D. Coffman, M. Morrison and M. Funk. **Motion passes.**

**15. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:12 PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 12.110/0/0/2.890. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording secretary