

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
March 4, 2014
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Ed Jacod, Barry Faulkner, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Dan Coffman, Phyllis Peterson, Mike Blair, Richard Thackston, Mike Morrison and James Carnie

Absent: Robert Smith, Eric Stanley, Lisa Steadman 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: J. Butterfield introduced Mesha Hoffman and his dad George Hoffman. Mischa is a wrestler but there is no team at Monadnock. He competed as an independent wrestler in the 160 weight class and won the State Championship in Division 3. Mischa is also on the football team. J. Butterfield would suggest a championship jacket for Mischa. P. Bauries presented Mischa with a certificate and commented on how proud Monadnock was of him and his accomplishment. Mischa thanked the Board for the opportunity to play. George Hoffman thanked J. Butterfield for all his help as well as T. Stewart and the people at KHS. He commented he had attended the Senior Night for Football and it was great. He explained Mischa would like to have his senior project on creating a wrestling team at Monadnock. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to authorize the school to purchase a championship wrestling jacket for Mischa Hoffman. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

2. Consent Agenda: **MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 4, 2014 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 9.675/0/1.183/4.142. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 4, 2014, 8:56 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 8.842/0/2.016/4.142. **Motion passes**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 4, 2014, 9:29 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 7.784/0/3.0784/4/142. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 8, 2014 Deliberative Session Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **VOTE:** 8.842/0/2.016/4.142. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the January 30, 2014 Legislative Forum Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 5.234/0/5.624/4.142. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the January 22, 2014 International Center for Leadership Education Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 8.448/0/2.41/4.142. **Motion passes.**

3. Student Government Report: There is no report.

4. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: There is no report.

5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: K. Craig passed out information to the Board on the results of the NECAP. She commented they are proud of grade 11 results ut concerned with the elementary schools. It was interesting to note the girls did better in everything over the boys except in 4th grade math. There is growth in the socially disadvantaged group. She provided the comparison with the other area schools. She commented we are the lowest. When we add the numbers there is concern. She commented we have action plans in place. This is the last year of the NECAP test. A new State test will be administered in 2015. K. Craig presented the DOE web site on the overhead to show the Board where to go in order to find information regarding the District. She commented we need to make changes regarding the testing. She explained the staff and the schools give snacks and pep rallies to encourage the students to do their best on the test. K. Craig believes there needs to be graduation exam. We need common assessments to spread out at the elementary schools. The ACT is an alternative to the spring 2015 test. L. Corriveau explained if the 10th grade does well or better we have a break through. We have peaks and valleys. Our goal is to do better not to have the peaks and valleys. There are very few schools that can show that.

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: L. Corriveau asked T. Kennett to speak. T. Kennett explained there are pockets of students that do better. He prepared a 4 years trend analysis. The Special Ed. Students are holding their own in math at the elementary schools. The regular ed. students are gaining faster than the Special Ed. students. The district will be implementing certain plans over the summer. He passed out a flier from ACES Middle School Program.

L. Corriveau passed out the Annual Report to the Board. He would like to thank Linda Reinhart for all her work on the report. March 20, 2015 will be the Showcase of Learning. March 11, 2014 is voting day. There will be a recommendation from the Education and Finance Committee regarding the Turnaround Proposal. The District received two proposals. He would recommend going with Scholastic Magazine. He would also recommend looking at the proposal from NESTEC and passing the information onto Keene. He would suggest

making arrangements to partner with Keene. The proposed 2014-2015 school calendar was handed out to the Board to review. L. Corriveau will send it to the attorney and the Unions. He is proposing a new survey from Scholastic Magazine regarding school issues. He is not asking for any action. It will cost \$600.00 per school. The proposal will go to the Education and Finance Committee. He would recommend action on the proposed graduation exam. We need a reasonable test to make sure the kids are proficient in their basics. The exam will be administered in grade 9. This is a reasonable test. M. Blair asked about graduation being on Saturday. He asked if there is any consideration to have it on another day. L. Corriveau commented it is tradition. He does not care if it is on a Saturday. J. Butterfield commented we can review the issue if we need to. It is a tradition.

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

- 7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** P. Bauries was very happy to have Mischa as the Wrestling Champion and also partnering with Keene. She reported the Sullivan deed has been passed and the closing on the property is complete. P. Bauries mentioned she has 4 Board evaluations. A list of Board Meeting dates and locations were presented to the Board. P. Bauries mentioned there will be no meeting in Roxbury. P. Bauries thanked M. Morrison for being a member of the Board for all these years. She thanked him for all he has done.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. SAU 93 Committee: E. Jacod asked if the Board has to have a meeting of the SAU in May. P. Bauries will review and schedule a meeting if necessary.

8b. Budget Committee Report: L. Corriveau mentioned the Board will be meeting with Keene regarding a regional study and the Budget Committee should be involved.

8c. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright informed the Board he will attend the Friends of the CCC Meeting on March 12, 2014 at 5:30 PM.

8d. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee: E. Jacod reported there is nothing to report.

8e. Community Relations: The committee has not met and will not meet until after the election.

8f. Finance Committee: J. Carnie informed the Board the committee met. The committee discussed the Sullivan closing which has taken place. They discussed what would happen if the petitioned article to close Gilsum were to pass. They looked at all the avenues but did not make any decisions. They discussed the Troy warrant to investigate into withdrawing from the District. This is a big issue and the ramifications would be very great. There will be a motion later for the turnaround coach. The committee heard the superintendent's report, discussed the goal of cost per pupil and raising the academic level. They also discussed the restructuring of the staff. L. Corriveau presented an endowment in the amount of \$5000.00 toward the needed \$10,000.00 needed to state the endowment.

8g. Education Committee: J. Carnie informed the Board the committee discussed class size. They discussed the CCC and the scheduling conflicts. MRSD SMART Program was discussed in regards to credits and credit requirements to graduate. Dept. Chair restructuring, required graduation test and ACT motions will be later in the meeting. The next meeting is on March 12, 2014.

8h. Facilities Committee: E. Jacod reported the committee did not meet.

8i. Policy Committee: This committee did not meet.

8j. Technology Committee: This committee did not meet.

8k. Sports Committee: This committee did not meet.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

9a. P. Bauries will bring the policy regarding snow days for Board Meetings to the Policy Committee for review.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10a. Motions from the Finance Committee: MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee to encourage the Board Representatives to the town of Troy, NH, along with the CRC Committee to actively participate in informing the town residents of the ramifications of withdrawing from the MRSD. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie commented there is a lot of misinformation. The people in the Town of Troy need to have the objective information on the possible cost. R. Thackston agrees with J. Carnie. His concern is that the Town of Fitzwilliam will put this on the ballot. He would agree that the Town has not considered the ramifications. It is better for the Board to be ready with the information if the article passes. Do not throw gas on the fire. Have the numbers available. He does not want to make it worse. E. Jacod commented the correct information should be available. We as a district need to be willing to provide the information. J. Carnie commented this is to look at a problem in advance before it gets out of hand. There is a lot of misinformation. We have lost Surry and Sullivan. We cannot lose another town. Troy would have a large financial problem and there would be a tremendous problem for our District. The idea is to encourage the representatives from Troy to make some kind of effort to get good information out to try and make an informed decision. D. Coffman does not believe we should influence the people of Troy. The article will not come off the ballot. We need to concentrate on other things. E. Jacod commented we should accurately respond to information they want. J. Carnie commented this is to get the two Troy representatives to discuss the information in their town. To encourage the two representatives to be part of Troy at the local level. L. Corriveau would recommend an independent bias company to deal with these issues. NESDES will do that work for you. **VOTE:** 4.397/5.234/1.227/4.142. **Motion fails.**

MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee ask the full Board to consider moving the process forward in hiring a consultant to evaluate the needs of the district, and to have the Superintendent obtain bids for the “Turn Around Coach” position. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie explained the Board has approved up to \$40,000.00 to hire a consultant to evaluate the district’s needs. **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:

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