

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
March 5, 2013
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Richard Thackston, Ed Jacod, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Barry Faulkner, Phyllis Peterson, Lisa Steadman, Scott Ellsworth, James Carnie, Jen Labadie, E. Stanley, Mark Funk and Mike Blair.

Absent: Robert Smith and Mike Morrison.

Administration present: L. Corriveau, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, T. Kennett, Director of Student Services and J. Fortson, Business Administrator.

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

R. Thackston opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There are no Public Comments.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to accept the February 19, 2013 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** 9.951/0/2.241/2.809. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 19, 2013, 8:33 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 9.951/0/2.241/2.809. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the February 19, 2013, 9:15 PM Sealed Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 9.951/0/2.241/2.809. **Motion passes.**

3. Student Government Report: J. McCleavey of Troy informed the Board they held a Pep Rally before vacation. It was very successful. They recognized the fall athletes. It was a lot of fun. Today’s meeting was cancelled. The Leadership Conference is coming up and they have opened it up to students other than the Student Government members.

4. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT: J. Fortson does not have a report tonight.

5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

5a. Curriculum Report: K. Craig reported there is a lot of work being done at the office. She has prepared a draft of the Showcase of Promising Practices in MRSD which will take place on April 9, 2013. *J. Labadie arrives.* She hopes the School Board Members will attend. She has been working on the Educator Evaluation this past week, gathering information, a work in progress.

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: L. Corriveau thanked R. Thackston for serving as the Board Chair for three years and serving the District. The District was very lucky to have R. Thackston. L. Corriveau presented a plaque to R. Thackston.

B. Tatro informed the Board Mt. Caesar will hold their Art Show on March 20, 2013. Every student will display a work of art. On March 25, 2013 is Math Night, the Before and After Program will sponsor a dinner. I Love to Read Week is this week. B. Tatro, K. Craig and L. Corriveau will read to the children.

A. Salzmänn informed the Board Troy students have collected 900 canned goods through read to feed and will continue. The items will go to the local food bank. A. Salzmänn will kiss Mr. Dahl's cow as part of a bet if the children can read for 1000 hours total. Troy's Got Talent will be held on April 16, 2013. There will be a book signing for the book Mr. Buckethead. The staff is working on common assessments.

M. Suarez informed the Board Emerson will hold their talent night in April. There are 22 students interested. Curriculum Night is on March 28, 2013. The youth leadership team held spirit days to improve school spirit.

J. Smith informed the Board that the talent show idea originally came from Cutler School. They will hold their talent show on March 22, 2013. During Feb. vacation the librarian was working on a \$25,000.00 grant. We should know soon if Cutler is to receive it. They were very close last year. Author Karen Ness will visit Cutler. Cutler will host the Board Meeting on March 19, 2013.

J. Butterfield passed out the student newspaper to the Board. Progress reports will be going out on Friday with a newsletter. The master schedule is being finalized. Winter sports are winding down. The boys and the girl teams were in the tournaments. He is very pleased with the winter athletic season. J. Butterfield introduced Carrie Peets of the Maintenance Dept. to acknowledge the wonderful work they did during the Feb. vacation.

T. Kennett reported due to The Sequester regarding Special Ed. Title One funds that have been promised will be taken back by the State. We have built in a 5% buffer. If the amount is more it will have an impact.

T. Kennett commented on the intensive interactive textbook. He is negotiating seats.

There could be 60-70 students using the program a day for less than \$40,000.00 for the program. A teacher will still be needed.

6b. Superintendent's Report: March 25, 2013 will be an early release day. They will focus on school safety. He would recommend the District form a study committee if the SRO Warrant passes. It will be a district wide position and a job description should be prepared. They will hold the first Labor Management Council Meeting. The Commissioner of Education has invited all the superintendents to the State. On March 11, 2013 they will meet with Harvey Hill from River Valley College. L. Corriveau explained T. Stewart came to him with questions regarding the subtraction or addition of sports. We need a process. It is a policy issue. The service awards ceremony will be held on April 15, 2013. The last day of school as of today is June 21, 2013. He has nominated the School Board for the NH Excellence Award. He is very proud of the achievements of this Board. He will be able to make a very powerful application. The annual report and the green sheets are out. W. Wright would like to send the annual report to LGC. They have a competition regarding the annual reports. He feels that the district has a chance to win. **MOTION:** W. Wright. **MOVED** to submit an application to the LGC. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 12.192/0/.693/2.115. **Motion passes.**

7. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston thanked the administration and past administration for all their efforts to bring Monadnock to the top of their class. He is looking forward to the next two years.

8. **SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

8a. Community Relations Committee: L. Steadman informed the Board the committee met tonight. They held Banter with the Board at Cutler and it was very successful. They will be visiting Emerson next. On April 17, 2013 J. Butterfield will be in Richmond discussing the master schedule. The green sheets for next year will be in the District newsletter. The next meeting will be on April 12, 2013.

8b. Education Committee: The Education Committee did not meet. They are scheduled to meet on March 13, 2013.

8c. Facilities Committee: The Facilities Committee has not met.

8d. Finance Committee: The Finance Committee has not met.

8e. Policy Committee: M. Blair reported the committee met tonight. They discussed 4 policies and will ask the Board for approval later tonight.

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

8g. Technology Committee: The Tech. Committee has not met. They will be meeting on March 11, 2013.

8h. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee is on track with the Specialists. They are taking it slow and easy. She said this is their first Union contract.

8i. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright reported there is a meeting on March 22, 2013 at 7:00 AM.

9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: R. Thackston asked the Board to approve the sharing of the Sullivan Quit Claim deed with Dave Bradley.
MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to allow the Board to share the Sullivan Quit Claim deed with Dave Bradley, the representative for Sullivan. **SECOND:** E. Jacod.
VOTE: 12.192/0/.693/2.115. **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** on behalf of the Policy Committee to approve Policy IKF High School Graduation.
SECOND: P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** M. Blair explained the policy is replaced with the 3 tiered diploma. **VOTE:** 11.359/0/1.526/2.115. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to approve Policy KDCA Use of Students in Public Information as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson.
DISCUSSION: M. Blair explained the NHSBA has new language and it is not consistent with our policy. P. Bauries asked for a clean copy and have it put in the Board packet. J. Carnie asked why the 4th paragraph is crossed out. M. Blair explained it appears in another policy. **VOTE:** 11.009/0/1.876/2.115. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to approve Policy IMG Animals in the School as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:**
MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to table the motion until the next meeting.
SECOND: P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 3.468/7.762/1.792/2.115. **Motion fails.**
DISCUSSION: It was explained service animals are in another policy. **VOTE:** 11.134/0/1.751/2.115. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to approve Policy GCD Contracted Work Year Leave as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson.
DISCUSSION: It was explained the policy was reviewed by Margaret Ann Moran.
VOTE: 12.192/0/.693/2.115. **Motion passes.**

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

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

MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$1,760,327.50.
SECOND: P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 12.192/0/.693/2.115. **Motion passes.**

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: The Tech. Committee was asked to review the request from E. Kaplan regarding restrictions on the internet and bring it back to the Board.

L. Corriveau informed the Board that the Mt. Caesar PTO will be having a Yankee Candle fund raiser.

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the Key Club's field trip to the Key Club Convention in Springfield Mass. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 12.192/0/.693/2.115. **Motion passes.**

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

12. Public Comments: There are no Public Comments.

13. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:16 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:** W. Wright **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, S. Ellsworth, J. Labadie and M. Funk. **Motion passes.**

14. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:21 PM. MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, M. Funk, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, J. Labadie and S. Ellsworth. **Motion passes.**

15. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:30 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:** W. Wright **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, S. Ellsworth, J. Labadie and M. Funk. **Motion passes.**

- 16. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:38 PM: MOTION:** B. Faulkner **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:** J. Carnie **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, S. Ellsworth, J. Labadie and M. Funk. **Motion passes.**
- 17. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:41 PM: MOTION:** J. Carnie **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:** S. Ellsworth **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, S. Ellsworth, J. Labadie and M. Funk. **Motion passes.**
- 18. Motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:58 PM: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Pending Litigation **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** E. Jacod, W. Wright, M. Blair, P. Bauries, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, R. Thackston, P. Peterson, B. Faulkner, J. Carnie, S. Ellsworth, J. Labadie and M. Funk. **Motion passes.**
- 19. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:12 PM. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 11.134/0/.693/3.173. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary