

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
May 21, 2013
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Ed Jacod, Elisabeth Johnson, Winston Wright, Barry Faulkner, Phyllis Peterson, Pat Bauries, Dan Coffman, Richard Thackston, Lisa Steadman, Robert Smith, James Carnie, Eric Stanley and Mike Blair.

Absent: Mike Morrison and unassigned Sullivan seat.

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

Principals present: A. Noel, A. Salzmman, M. Suarez, B. Tatro.

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

1. **1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N. Moriarty thanked E. Jacod for coming to Richmond for the Dessert with the Principal. He also thanked J. Butterfield. N. Moriarty explained he attends most Technology meetings and does not remember there being a motion for the Touch It screens . He is concerned with the projection of a computer screen on the wall and the cost of the Touch It.
2. **2. Consent Agenda: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the May 7, 2013 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 11.093/0/1.058/2.849. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the May 7, 2013, 9:10 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 9.995/0/2.156/2.849. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the May 7, 2013, 9:15 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 8.937/0/3.214/2.849. **Motion passes. J. Carnie asked to have the Sullivan Tuition Agreement attached to these minutes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the May 7, 2013 11:05 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 8.957/0/3.214/2.849. **Motion passes.**

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

4. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson congratulated Brett Balch her senior intern. He presented his Senior Project which went well. She received a thank you from the Global DI Team for their jackets and the funds to make the trip. She also received a thank you for the custodial staff for their help at the Project Graduation yard sale. The custodial staff was very helpful.

5. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

5a. Curriculum Report: Dick and Jane from SERESC have been working with the principals and are here to update the Board on the Strategic Plan status. Jane thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the District. She reported on the overview on how we arrived to this point and the fact that they are moving forward. The work on the strategic plan has focused on kids. We held a retreat, held several sessions and then continued the work with the principals to do goal setting. The principals will show how they are doing. Dick explained that it is no way complete but we have a strong start. Hopefully the blue print will be the rope to follow in the District. Dick explained the achievable goals. The elementary principals shared their goals to the Board. They want to be consistent throughout the elementary schools in the District and follow the common core standards, collect data by way of the MAPS, NECAP, teacher creative assessments and the implementation of the Board Report Card. The principals passed out the folder to the Board and they will later share it with the Education Committee at their meeting. Anne representing the MS/HS explained the process has forced us to look at what is important which is raising the academic scores. She explained the key elements. There are six objectives which she explained Jane explained the next step is to work with the principals to make sure that the goal setting is complete, whether they are having an impact on children and to make sure the principals are using the plan. Dick acknowledged the efforts of the administrative staff. The Strategic Plan is a notebook to ensure that it becomes a living document and to support you as a Board.

L. Corriveau acknowledged Darlene Ayotte of the Before and After Program. She applied for 2-21st Century Learning Grants totaling \$200,000.00. The grants have been awarded to the District.

K. Craig passed out her report to the Board. She explained there is work to be done to be the best District in the State. We do have some light spots but not enough. Status quote cannot remain we have a lot of work. We all need to be on the same page. Only 57% of our seniors have applied for college that is below the National average. We need direct changes. Six of our schools are schools in need of improvement. There is an increase in homeschoolers. We have the highest dropout rate in the State except for 2 other Districts. We have culture issues and we need to face these and it will require change. We will be making recommendations. We need to keep kids in the forefront. K. Craig presented the recommendation for a change in the dept. chair job description. **MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to support the suggested changes to the Department Chairperson job description presented by the Assistant Superintendent. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **DISCUSSION:** E. Johnson asked if the 4 additional days are enough. K. Craig explained it is because right now we have none. L. Corriveau explained this will be a

yearly process. We cannot rubber stamp an appointment if we are not getting results. **R. Thackston arrives.** M. Blair thanked K. Craig for stepping up to the plate. P. Peterson asked if the District does an exit interview with the kids. The Board needs to stand behind what you are trying to do. J. Carnie commented that he is in favor of this but wished it had gone to the Education Committee and through the proper procedures. **VOTE:** 12.151/0/1.099/1.751. **Motion passes.**

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: L. Corriveau passed out the results of the survey to the Board. He reported the staff attendance has been an issue. They have had serious illnesses and maternity leave. The SRO task force has met and will be coming to the Board in June. They are discussing a School Security Officer change. There are 21 applications for the assistant principal at the Middle School and they will be searching for replacements for B. Tatro and J. Smith. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families in Oklahoma. L. Steadman asked specific questions regarding the survey.

6b. Principal's report: The principals spoke in the SEREAC presentation.

- 7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** P. Bauries commented on how well the senior projects were. The kids are doing a great job. We are very proud. A committee will be going to Emerson to view Jennie Calnan the Teacher of the Year nominee on June 4, 2013. There will be a Collective Bargaining Workshop anyone interested let L. Corriveau know.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. Budget Committee Report: The next meeting is on May 28, 2013. There are two new members from Troy, Anna Thackston and William Shea. John Law will represent Gilsum.

8b. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright reported the committee did not meet. It is status quote until the Fall.

8c. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee: E. Jacod reported the committee still has a number of open items.

8d. Community Relations: L. Steadman reported the committee has not met. They will meet on June 4, 2013 at 5:30 PM. E. Jacod informed the Board the Banter with the Board went well in Emerson.

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

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

8g. Facilities Committee: E. Jacod reported the committee has not met. He had a discussion with D. LaPointe and most items are moving ahead. The next meeting will be on May 28, 2013 at 4:00 PM.

8h. Policy Committee: M. Blair reported the committee met on May 14, 2013. They will be bringing 3 policies tonight. The Policy Committee will meet on May 28, 2013.

8i. Technology Committee: M. Blair informed the Board the committee met on May 14, 2013 and discussed the Touch It screens. They discussed the help desk staff person and a list of candidates. There will be a demonstration on the Touch It screen on May 29, 2013 at 3:00 PM. The Technology Committee will meet on May 28, 2013.

8j. Sports Task Force: E. Stanley informed the Board the committee met. There was a lot of excitement. The members will bring their visions to the next meeting. The next meeting is on June 5, 2013 at 4:00 PM.

9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board:

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. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy KF Use of School Facilities as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** The Board added the friendly amendment under number 25 to add "or proof of liability insurance." **VOTE:** 12.151/0/1.099/1.751. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy CFA-R-1 MRSD Principal and Assistant Principal Search Process as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie would like to table this document. There are a number of issues not being addressed. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **VOTE:** 13.249/0/0/1.751. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy EFCA School Lunch Payment as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie refused putting the responsibility on the students. It is ridiculous that we

have to get the principals involved. He will vote against the motion. This proposal is not going to solve the problem. J. Fortson explained how we contact the parents and how they can pay. D. Coffman commented we have other issues to deal with. Make the changes and move on. R. Thackston informed the Board we have had this meeting every year in May. Who is going to tell a 9 year old to put his lunch back? This is a waste of time. M. Blair will ask T. Walsh to come to the next meeting. W. Wright commented that we have T. Walsh come every year just move ahead with this one. **VOTE: 9.118/4.132/0/1.751. Motion passes.**

10e. Motions from Other Committees as needed: MOTION: E. Jacod. MOVED to authorize Dave LaPointe to dispose, relocate or put out to bid the J's, to remove the boiler from the worse of the two J's, sell the metal to Scrap It and offer the other structure to the Fellowship Church of Swanzy who would bear all costs required for the relocation and the entire project at a cost to the District not to exceed \$4000.00 **SECOND: M. Blair. DISCUSSION: M. Blair** commented that the J's need to go. L. Steadman would suggest the Scrap It funds go to the Project Graduation. B. Faulkner commented that the J's need to go out to bid. R. Smith is surprised with the motion. He had heard the Athletic Dept. wanted the building. J. Carnie commented the buildings belong to the District why give it away for free. Put the other building out to bid. L. Steadman had brought the Fellowship Church issue to J. Fortson. R. Thackston commented the school takes precedence. L. Corriveau suggested the Athletic Dept. paint the building and use it. J. Carnie asked for a new motion. To dispose of one of the buildings and give the other to the Athletic Dept. **E. Jacod withdrew his motion and M. Blair withdrew his second.** J. Fortson suggested they follow District Policy. P. Bauries would like this on the next agenda.

10f. Action on the Manifest: MOTION: B. Faulkner MOVED to accept the manifest in the amount of 1,317,633.12. **SECOND: R. Smith. VOTE: 12.151/0/1.099/1.751. Motion passes.**

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

1. The next meeting is at Camp Takodah at 6:00 PM

MOTION: W. Wright MOVED to allow 3 Special Olympic students to attend an overnight field trip. **SECOND: P. Peterson. VOTE: 13.249/0/0/1.751. Motion passes.**

MOTION: R. Thackston MOVED to authorize the Board to place the surplus of monies left over in the amount of \$49,436.00 for health insurance to be placed in the health care trust. **SECOND: W. Wright. DISCUSSION: J. Fortson** explained she will support this issue. P. Bauries commented she had not received a copy of the letter and it did not go through Finance. **MOTION: J. Carnie MOVED** to table the motion. **VOTE: 6.821/6.49/0/1.751. Motion passes.** It was commented this is a contractual issue approved by the voters. **MOTION: E. Jacod MOVED** to reconsider the motion to table. **SECOND: J. Carnie. VOTE: 13.249/0/0/1.751. Motion passes. MOTION:**

E. Jacod **MOVED** to transfer \$49,436.00 to the Expendable Trust. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie commented the Chair should have been notified and the Finance Committee should have had this information. **VOTE:** 13.247/0/0/1.751. **Motion passes.**

12. Public Comments: There are no public comments.

13. The Board will take a recess until the SAU 93 Non-Public Session is complete.

R. Thackston leaves the meeting.

14. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: B. Faulkner. **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 PM. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary