

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**(Approved Minutes)**  
**October 15, 2013**  
**Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Ed Jacod, Barry Faulkner, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Richard Thackston, Dan Coffman, Mike Morrison, James Carnie, Eric Stanley, Lisa Steadman and Mike Blair.

**Absent:** Robert Smith, P. Peterson and unassigned seats from Sullivan and Roxbury.

**Administration present:** 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:** There were no Public Comments.
2. **Consent Agenda: MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the October 1, 2013 School Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 9.547/1.183/1.058/3.213. **Motion passes.**  
  
**MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to accept the October 1, 2013, 9:44 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.730/0/1.058/3.213. **Motion passes**  
  
**MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the October 1, 2013, 9:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 10.730/0/1.058/3.213. **Motion passes.**
3. **Student Government Report:** There is no Student Government report.
4. **BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:** J. Fortson commented the State reports are being sent around to be signed by the Board. She will then forward them to the State. October 26, 2013 is the Board and Budget Committee Session. She has been asked by the administration not to have the meeting. The Board is being asked by the Budget Committee to come in below the default budget. This should be going to Finance and then to the Board. W. Lechluder was agreeable with not holding the meeting. L. Corriveau will provide a list of any changes for the proposed budget. R. Thackston commented we want to hear what the administration think is important in the buildings. Is there an option to propose another budget? R. Thackston would like to hear what is being taken out of the budget. D. Coffman asked if there will be a narrative with the budget. K. Craig informed the Board they will be able to see the last three years of the budget. The administration has tried to increase in the

substitutes. We are trying to make a realistic budget. M. Blair agrees with bringing it to the Finance Committee but there is not enough representation on that committee. M. Morrison commented we need to have the goals driving the budget not the budget driving the goals. L. Steadman commented we are discussing a meeting most of the School Board Members do not attend. M. Blair suggested maybe a retreat type of meeting to discuss with the administration. J. Carnie suggested an off week to meet and go over the information the Finance Committee has received and to see where the School Board wants to go. P. Bauries commented the Budget Committee has directed the Board to come under the default and they are saying no to the all day session. They are leaving the decisions to the administration without thought of the ramifications. It should go to the Finance Committee than a meeting with the Board. J. Fortson commented the default budget could be higher than last year. The Budget Committee did not cancel the October 26, 2013 meeting it was suggested by the principals. **MOTION:** W. Wright. **MOVED** to eliminate the all day Budget Committee/Board Meeting which was scheduled for October 26, 2013. **SECOND:** R. Thackston. **VOTE:** 10.730/0/1.058/3.213. **Motion passes.** J. Fortson passed out information on the adequacy. We will have to wait for the final report from the State. J. Fortson informed the Board the District is in need of a tractor. D. LaPointe is in attendance to answer any questions. He has not gone before Finance or Facilities. He would suggest purchasing now because if we wait it will cost \$5000.00 more. He can use all the attachments the District already has. J. Fortson presented information to the Board on the bids they received. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to authorize D. LaPointe to purchase a new tractor for the District in the amount not to exceed \$16,800.00. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** The Board made suggestions on which brand they would like D. LaPointe to purchase. **VOTE:** 11.787/0/0/3.213. **Motion passes.** J. Fortson explained the funds would be coming out of the replacement equipment line.

## **5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**5a. Curriculum Report:** K. Craig informed the Board she had sent her report out in the Board packets. She asked if there were any questions. She commented there are a lot of great things going on in the District. K. Craig commented on the use of the chrome books in the schools. She said it is very exciting. Friday afternoon L. Corriveau and K. Craig will be interviewed by Cheshire TV. It was a great homecoming weekend. Tomorrow all sophomores will be taking the PSAT test.

T. Kennett passed out information on the current Special Education enrollment. The SMART Program currently has 12 students enrolled. There are 3 or 4 more students possibly going in the program. Area businesses have been great with taking the students and teaching them skills. The transportation vehicles are running. T. Kennett has a meeting scheduled with J. Butterfield to see if there are any other students for the program. So far there are no issues it is going very well. The students show up, do their job and go home.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

**6a. Correspondence and Announcements:** K. Craig reported L. Corriveau had sent his report in the Board packets. She asked if there were any questions. She reported all schools in the

District have met minimum standards. The webmaster job description is in the packet. She reported on fundraisers and there will be a need for non-public session.

**6b. Other Issues of Importance:** The principal's reports were in the packets and there are no questions from the Board.

**7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** P. Bauries congratulated the students and staff on a great homecoming week. K. Craig will notify the Board regarding the time of the interview with Cheshire TV. A NHSBA resolution has been brought forward by a School Board Member. It will be brought up under New Business. The budget books should be available on Friday. We will discuss snacks and water for certain committee meetings. The Education Committee met with members of the DOE and will be reporting later in the meeting. G. Germain the SSO gave a very detailed and excellent report.

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

**8a. SAU 93 Committee:** There is no report tonight.

**8b. Budget Committee Report:** The committee will meet on November 20, 2013.

**8c. Cheshire Career Center:** W. Wright reported there will be a breakfast meeting on October 18, 2013. He will be attending.

**8d. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee:** E. Jacod reported the committee will be meeting with the MDEA to make sure there is nothing missing in the agreement after the Supreme Court had given their decision. On October 29, 2013 the committee will meet with the Specialists and hopefully wrap things up soon.

**8e. Community Relations:** L. Steadman reported the committee did not meet. They will meet on Nov. 5, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

**8f. Finance Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee met on October 2, 2013. They discussed the Sullivan deed and the payout draft from LGC. They discussed the Gilsum School options due to the small number of student. The Board needs to take a serious look at it. We need a directive by the Board. They discussed the Wilcox building and the stipends in which teachers are paid from colleges. There will be a motion later in the meeting.

**8g. Education Committee:** J. Carnie reported the committee met on October 2, 2013. The committee invited members from the DOE to speak on the Common Core and make a presentation. There was a big question that came up from K. Craig in regards to teacher evaluations. He asked the members of the DOE to response to the questions they had. The committee would like to have the questions answered and then have a meeting for the full Board.

**8h. Facilities Committee:** E. Jacod reported the committee met on October 8, 2013. The committee discussed the Husky House. The stairs need to be completed and they have

received two bids. One of the trailers are gone and the other will be used for the afterschool program. Sullivan needs to be up to code on a drop tube. The cost is about \$500.00. There will be a motion later for this. The committee will have a motion to place 500 gallons of oil in the tank at the Sullivan School. There are still funds on warrant article to be used for items that need to be fixed in the District. The track needs some maintenance. There are two options. They would like to have a programmable sign but it has to be approved by the Town of Swanze. The next Facilities meeting is on October 22, 2013.

**8i. Policy Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee met and discussed a number of policies. There will be motions later in the meeting. They will meet again on October 29, 2013 at 6:30 PM. *L. Steadman leaves the meeting.*

**8j. Technology Committee:** M. Blair reported the committee met and discussed the One to One Implementation and how it is working. They discussed the chrome books and doing real work. The students are learning and being excited. The committee would like to have a presentation Talk with the Tech. They will be bringing a motion later in the meeting for a November date. The Tech Use Survey draft will be in the Board packets. The committee discussed the job description per the motion regarding the web site updates. The next meeting is on October 29, 2013 at 7:00 PM. M. Morrison commented on how fortunate the District is to have M. Blair on the Board and Tech. Committee with his knowledge regarding technology.

**8k. Sports Task Force:** E. Stanley asked about the Sports Task Force as an AD HOC Committee. P. Bauries commented she does not know the qualifications of an AD HOC Committee but would look into it. E. Stanley would like to discuss with the members who are present at the meetings even if there is no quorum. D. Coffman commented the member could inform the Board of what is going on during Public Comments. M. Blair explained an AD HOC Committee is formed to resolve the specific problem and then the AD HOC Committee goes away. They report to the Board and make a recommendation. P. Bauries commented the Sports Task force had a specific task.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS:**

**9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board:** J. Fortson informed the Board the District has received earnest money for the building from Sullivan in the amount of \$20,000.00 as well as \$14,238.66 for their early retirement portion and all utilities to date. The Town of Sullivan will vote on the bond tomorrow.

D. Coffman asked about giving every junior and senior the SAT at no cost. K. Craig suggested asking the Finance Committee. R. Thackston commented on a noble proposal. What needs to happen is you need to change the culture of the building. We are now offering the PSAT tests to sophomores and we are now a testing site to change the culture. He would not want to throw a lot of money at it. D. Coffman would like a report on the 92% who took the SATs. M. Morrison has spoken to parents and they say there is no problem with the new schedule.

## 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: MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** on behalf of the Facilities Committee to put 500 gallons of oil in the Sullivan School Building. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **DISCUSSION:** It is noted the Business Administrator will be seeking reimbursement from the Sullivan School District. J. Carnie commented we need to ask the Sullivan School Board first regarding the oil. It is better to put it up front. W. Wright commented we need to winterize the building. D. LaPointe said winterizing was not practical. J. Fortson informed the Board that she has spoken to the Sullivan Business Manager and Sullivan may put the oil in the tank themselves. They have made payment on every bill. P. Bauries commented with the agreement we would expect them to pay. **VOTE:** 10.689/0/0/4.311. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** to pay \$500.00 and to authorize the repair to replace the drop tube and to bring the tank up to code at the Sullivan School. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 10.689/0/0/4.311. **Motion passes.**

**10d. Motions from the Policy Committee: MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy BBE Unexpired Term Fulfillment as amended. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **DISCUSSION:** B. Faulkner explained RSA 671:33 is specific to cooperative school districts. It was explained all towns except for Swanzey would be appointed by the selectpersons. P. Bauries disagrees with the legislative law in Concord and will be voting against the policy. M. Blair commented whether we agree or not it is the law. R. Thackston will not vote for the policy change. J. Carnie commented the District voted as a whole on this policy. **VOTE:** 5.290/5.399/0/4.311. **Motion fails. R. Thackston leaves the meeting.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy EBB Safe Schools as presented by the Policy Committee. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **DISCUSSION:** M. Blair explained this was brought forward by the administration. L. Corriveau brought this forward, he feels we need this. W. Wright commented this is necessary to have. **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to amend the motion in the first paragraph. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE on amendment:** 1.183/7.350/1.058/5.410. **Amendment fails. VOTE on original motion:** 6.517/3.074/0/5.410. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy BDE Committees and Delegates as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** E. Jacod made a friendly amendment to add Human Resource to Negotiations. **MOTION:** D. Coffman **MOVED** to delete paragraph four in the Policy. **SECOND:** J. Carnie. **VOTE on**

**the amendment: 5.584/3.174/.833/5.410. Amendment passes. VOTE on the amended motion: 9.590/0/0/5.410. Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy LEA Student Teaching and Internships as presented. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **VOTE:** 9.590/0/0/5.410. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to accept Policy DJC Petty Cash as presented. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **VOTE:** 9.590/0/0/5.410. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to accept Policy DJC-R Petty Cash Accounts as presented. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **VOTE:** 9.590/0/0/5.410. **Motion passes.**

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

**10f. Motions from Other Committees as needed:** **MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to have a public meeting sometime in November discussing technology. **SECOND:** M. Morrison. **VOTE:** 9.590/0/0/5.410. **Motion passes.**

**10g. Action on the Manifest:** **MOTION:** B. Faulkner **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$1,982,472.66. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 9.590/0/0/5.410. **Motion passes.**

**10h. New Business:** **MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to allow J. Carnie to bring his resolution to the NHSBA regarding the Common Core. **SECOND:** J. Carnie. **DISCUSSION:** D. Coffman would like to hear more about it before we send it as a Board. M. Blair commented we have a lot of questions on the Common core and would like to see the responses. W. Wright explained the process to get the resolution to the State level. **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to table the motion. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **VOTE:** 5.290/4.310/0/5.410. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to allow the Budget Committee and other committee meetings to have water and coffee with the funds coming out of the School Board line item. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie would oppose the motion. The Budget Committee has asked the Board to keep the proposed budget under the default. This will keep the budget down. **VOTE:** 5.290/3.074/1.227/5.410. **Motion passes.**

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

**12. Public Comments:** There were no Public Comments.

**13. 10:20 PM MOTION:** M. Morrison **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee: **SECOND:** B. Faulkner **VOTE:** E. Jacod, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, W. Wright, M. Blair, M. Morrison and P. Bauries. 9.590/0/0/5.410. **Motion passes.**

**14. 10:30 PM MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Compensation of a Public Employee: **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** E. Jacod, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, W. Wright, M. Blair, M. Morrison and P. Bauries. 9.590/0/0/5.410. **Motion passes.**

**15. 10:35 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 the reputation of any person. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** E. Jacod, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, M. Blair, M. Morrison, W. Wright and P. Bauries. 9.590/0/0/5.410. **Motion passes.**

**16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** M. Morrison **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 10:39PM. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary