

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
October 1, 2013
Roxbury Town Hall, Roxbury, NH

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

Absent: Robert Smith, Eric Stanley and unassigned seats from Sullivan and Roxbury.

Administration present: L. Corriveau, Superintendent 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: Joe Nikaforakis is proposing his senior and Eagle Scout project to the Board for their approval. He has played lacrosse and soccer for Monadnock and there is no score board. He would propose building a manual flip score board, securing it in the ground and creating landscape around the posts. The cost of the project is around \$400.00 and will take a total of 5 days to complete. J. Butterfield explained D. LaPointe has reviewed the proposal and has endorsed it. **MOTION:** R. Thackston. **MOVED** to accept the proposal from J. Nikaforakis for the score board for soccer and lacrosse as his senior and eagle scout project. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 11.957/0/0/3.044. **Motion passes.**

2. Consent Agenda: **MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the September 17, 2013 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 10.858/0/1.099/3.044. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the September 17, 2013, 9:32 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 9.631/0/2.326/3.044. **Motion passes**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the September 17, 2013, 10:07 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 9.631/0/2.326/3.044. **Motion passes.**

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

4. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: J. Fortson explained she had sent her report to the Board. She informed the Board she has items to discuss in non-public. The Board asked what the issue was. J. Fortson informed the Board it was regarding Sullivan. She is asking that all the information regarding Sullivan be turned over to the Board attorney. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to send all information regarding Sullivan to the Board attorney. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** It was asked how this motion is different from the one at the previous meeting regarding Sullivan. J. Fortson explained she has an invoice that they will not pay contrary to the withdrawal agreement. J. Carnie commented the Board should have voted on the recommendation from the Finance Committee two weeks ago. E. Jacod commented there are items they will not pay and J. Fortson has the documentation that says they owe us. D. Coffman commented there is a process and they have scheduled a meeting. He would urge the Board to let the process play out. R. Thackston would disagree the motion is to send the information to the attorney. It is inappropriate to put Jane in front of it. Give it to the attorney. They have a signed agreement. They know the price. Send it to the attorney and we do not need to worry about it. M. Blair would agree it is appropriate to send it to the attorney. J. Carnie would agree we need to move ahead. J. Fortson explained the form she presented to the Board is standard. **VOTE:** 10.730/0/1.227/3.044. **Motion passes.**

5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

5a. Curriculum Report: K. Craig is not in attendance tonight but has given the Board the outline for the teacher in service day on October 7, 2013. The Board is invited to attend. L. Corriveau explained it is mandatory for the teachers but not the paraprofessionals to attend.

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: L. Corriveau has sent his report in the Board packets. He reported the enrollment as of today is at 1793, the number is down because of the Sullivan students. He commented on the science NECAP scores and SAT results. He has a senior class advisor job description in draft form. He explained the advisor starts with the class in the freshmen year and will continue through the senior year. There has never been a job description. This draft will go to the Education Committee. L. Corriveau reported on staff that supervise student teachers and receive payment from the specific college. L. Corriveau commented he was not aware of this and felt the Board should know. We should be concerned with liability. We need to clean up the documents, work with the colleges and have the colleges follow the process. The Board, staff and students need to take a look and protect ourselves. This issue will go to the Education Committee. L. Corriveau will send the principal evaluation model from the State to the Education and Finance Committee. The principals have not received a raise in 4 or 5 years. The evaluation and the bargaining unit go hand and hand. J. Carnie asked who evaluates the student teachers. L. Corriveau explained the teachers who the colleges pick evaluate. The teacher will receive the stipend from the college. L. Corriveau passed an article out to the Board.

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 informed the Board the DOE will be presenting at the Education Committee tomorrow regarding the Common Core. The NHSBA resolution forms were passed out to the Board. If the Board has any concerns regarding the Common Core this is the time to make a resolution. The budget books will be ready on October 19, 2013. October 26, 2013 is the all day session. The administrative team will be working on the budget within the next few weeks. The NHSBA will be meeting on Nov. 21, 2013. There will be a Conflict of Interest Seminar if anyone is interested in attending. There is still no resolution in regards to the SSO carrying a firearm. The Board will ask the attorney. L. Corriveau commented the job description states he will carry a firearm he does not at the present time.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. Budget Committee Report: L. Corriveau informed the Board the Budget Committee would like the budget to come in below the Default Budget.

8b. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright reported there will be a breakfast meeting on October 18, 2013. He has not received an agenda yet.

8c. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee: E. Jacod reported the committee will meet with the Specialists on October 9, 2013.

8d. Community Relations: L. Steadman reported the committee met tonight and discussed the newsletter possibly coming out in late January before the voting. The committee will present a motion later and is scheduled to meet on October 15, 2013.

8e. Finance Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee did not meet. They will meet tomorrow at 8:30 AM. The DOE presentation will be at 10:00 AM.

8f. Education Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee did not meet.

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

8h. Policy Committee: M. Blair reported the committee did not meet. They will meet on October 9, 2013 at 6:00 PM. P. Bauries will give M. Blair the opinion from J. O'Shaunessy for the Policy Committee to review. J. Carnie would like the Policy Committee to update the policies that are on line. Some items are different and need to be updated.

8i. Technology Committee: M. Blair reported the committee met on Sept. 24, 2013 but did not have a quorum. There were no motions but the members did discuss the chrome book roll out, the plans for next year and the building of the budget. The One on One Implementation will outfit students 6-12 with the chrome books. They

discussed the tech survey and the fact they will bring the draft to the tech committee and the final draft to the Board on October 15, 2013. The next meeting is on October 9, 2013.

8j. Sports Task Force: There is no report the committee has not met.

9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: J. Fortson reported some of the missing items from Gilsum have appeared and they know where the rest of the items are.

R. Thackston asked why the SAU Committee has a separate meeting. He would suggest 4 or 5 Board members on the SAU Committee and report back to the full Board. J. Carnie commented it is a separate meeting and separate budget. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to have the SAU 93 Meeting incorporated in the regular Board Meeting under Committee Reports. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** B. Faulkner commented if it is posted as a SAU and Board Meeting every time it could be discussed. J. Carnie suggested we look at this before we get to far ahead. You are required to have two SAU Meetings and do not believe we need more. **VOTE:** 10.774/0/1.183/3.044. **Motion passes.**

P. Bauries commented the Technology Committee has been doing a great job but we have come to a point where we have to many committees. She would like to combine the Tech Committee with the Education Committee. **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to combine the Technology Committee with the Education Committee. **SECOND:** J. Carnie. **DISCUSSION:** R. Thackston commented that would be a dreadful idea. We have to prepare the kids to function in this technological world. It is one of the most important committees we have. E. Jacod commented we need to keep the two committees facing their educational goals. Bringing them together may be an overwhelming task. L. Steadman commented if the committee meets at the Education Committee time she will not be able to attend. P. Bauries is concerned the committee is having a quorum issue. There should be no committee report if there is no quorum or motions. M. Blair commented the Education and Finance Committee do not want to get bogged down with certain computer issues. The Tech Committee is to help N. Richardson. M. Blair does not believe it is a quorum issue. He believes the motion is being made because some do not want the Tech Committee making decisions. J. Carnie commented that a meeting should not be held without a quorum. He has asked for the Tech Committee minutes and there is only one set. He is not in agreement on how things are running. The committee was set up to address the e-readers. There should not be a meeting without a quorum. When the committee was set up people from the outside were suppose to be included. We need more openness and compliance with the meetings and minutes. J. Carnie supports the motion. M. Blair commented the minutes are given to L. Reinhart and posted on line. L. Steadman suggested adding a committee member to make a quorum. **VOTE:** 2.241/9.716/0/3.044. **Motion fails**

M. Blair apologized for discussing his report to the Board. He was only trying to inform the Board. **MOTION:** J. Carnie. **MOVED** to ask the Chair not to accept reports under “Committee Reports” from committees without a quorum. **SECOND:** R. Thackston. **DISCUSSION:** B. Faulkner commented that he finds some of the information informative. M. Blair commented it is point of information. E. Jacod would ask for the report to be very short and to the point. J. Carnie commented years ago people had meetings without quorums. We do not want to violate the law. D. Coffman commented the committees are not making decisions they are informing the Board. B. Faulkner commented if the meetings are posted it is okay to discuss. J. Carnie commented your interpretation of the law is wrong. **VOTE:** 8.742/3.214/0/3.044. **Motion passes.**

10. NEW BUSINESS: MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to add R. Thackston to the Technology Committee. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.957/0/0/3.044. **Motion passes. R. Thackston leaves the meeting.**

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 Facilities.

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

10e. Motion from the Community Relations Committee: MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the CRC to authorize the administration to find a resource to maintain the MRHS and District websites that, with an established communication pathway, will update current events and schedule changes adhering to a reasonable pre-agreed service level agreement. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** L. Corriveau explained that webmasters are needed, it is a financial issue. It could be a stipend position. M. Blair commented we need to have that formality. J. Carnie would like to see it thought out more with a dollar figure. We need more research. J. Fortson would agree on the position. **VOTE:** 8.967/0/1.891/4.142. **Motion passes.**

10f. Motions from Other Committees as needed: There are no other motions.

10g. Action on the Manifest: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$1,460,075.48. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **VOTE:** 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

10h. New Business: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the Troy Elementary Ferry Beach Ecology Field Trip on May 5-9, 2013. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner **VOTE:** 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

L. Corriveau informed the Board of the various fundraisers. The Class of 2015 will have a comic hypnotist fundraiser. L. Corriveau will require parent permission for the students under 18 years of age to attend.

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

12. Public Comments: M. Blair would like the Board to remember why we are on this committee. It is for the kids. He would ask P. Bauries and J. Carnie if there was a problem regarding the Tech Committee to discuss it prior to the meeting and it would have saved 45 minutes.

It was commented the principal reports should be posted on the website.

13. 9:44 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:** E. Jacod, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, M. Blair, P. Peterson, L. Steadman, M. Morrison, W. Wright and P. Bauries. 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

14. 9:50 PM MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee: **SECOND:** J. Carnie **VOTE:** E. Jacod, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, W. Wright, L. Steadman, P. Peterson, M. Blair, M. Morrison and P. Bauries. 10.585/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

15. Public Session: MOTION: J. Carnie. **MOVED** to accept the lowest bid for the removal of the trees around the Wilcox building as long as there is adequate insurance. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 7.869/1.891/1.099/4.142. **Motion passes.**

16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: M. Morrison **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 10:06PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 10.858/0/0/4.142. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary