

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
September 3, 2013
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

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

Absent: Elizabeth Johnson, Lisa Steadman and unassigned Sullivan seat.

Administration present: L. Corriveau, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, T. Kennett, Dir. 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: David Cairns commented on the master schedule. Due to the new schedule his child who was in the 8th grade taking high school courses is no longer able to do that. He said the MS and the HS schedules do not coincide. He asked the District to make the high achieving students to become better.

Kim Bohannon thanked L. Corriveau and K. Craig for making the kindergarten decision.

Michelle Colbert commented she is pleased with the 5th teacher in the kindergarten at Mt. Caesar but she is not happy with how it was handled. It was done at the last minute. She commented on the class size and urged the Board to add a para professional to the classrooms.

Betty Tatro thanked L. Corriveau for helping with the Mt. Caesar numbers. Classes with 20 students may need help. There are students with special needs. She also believes that general para professionals are needed.

M. Blair arrives.

S. Ellsworth and his son informed the Board of two bussing situations. He said last year his son was on the bus for over 2 hours and this year the bus driver stopped asked his son what school when the son said the middle school the bus driver said wrong bus and left the child alone.

E. Jacod commented that he was very impressed with the remarks from Betty Tatro regarding the students entering the school system. He commented that children have problems because they come to school not ready for kindergarten and we are having to pay the price tag. The parents are not doing their job.

L. Corriveau introduced Gary Germain the new SSO. Gary told the Board about himself.

R. Smith arrives.

- 2. Consent Agenda: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 13, 2013 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** 10.817/0/0/4.183. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 13, 2013, 9:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** R. Smith **J. Carnie asked to go into non-public session to discuss the minutes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 13, 2013, 10:20 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 10.817/0/0/4.183. **Motion passes.**

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

- 4. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson passed out the ACES 93 budget to the Board. She explained that she would like to request \$29,987.95 from the Trustees of the Trust Fund to the ACES 93 budget to run the program. These funds are from a warrant article voted in March. **MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to allow the request and transfer \$29,987.95 from the Trustees of the Trust Fund to the ACES 93 budget. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 10.817/0/0/4.183. **Motion passes.**

J. Fortson informed the Board they went out to bid on the life, ADA, short and long term insurance. They went with Anthem and now it is \$41,000.00 less a year. It will be \$41,000.00 each year of the three year contract.

- 5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

5a. Curriculum Report: K. Craig passed out information requested by the Board regarding the optional summer professional development days. She was impressed to see the amount of teachers that took part.

- 6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: L. Corriveau commented on the smooth transition to the beginning of school. There are a few issues such as bussing that will be discussed in non-public. He visited the schools and it is back to business. The administration decided to bring a teacher from Gilsum to Mt. Caesar in order to solve the overcrowding problem. They visited Emerson and he does believe it is equitable.

Anyone wanting to send their child to Gilsum contact K. Craig or L. Corriveau. The official enrollment numbers will be on October 1. L. Corriveau thanked the Board for their involvement in the newsletter. The update on the Strategic Plan was passed out. He has the ACT results from the 6 students that took it and they did not do very well. We need to require all of our students in 9th grade to take the PSAT. ACT is more basic skills. We should give this test. He will ask K. Craig to look into an achievement test for the 9th and 10th grades. He does not believe that students take the assessment tests seriously. We are making progress in the Strategic Plan. There is a professional conduct policy draft to look at. The memorandum of understanding from KSC will go to the Policy Committee. We did meet with KSC and had a great meeting. Lynne Carey will be the liaison for the colleges. We have a lot of issues in non-public session.

6b. Other Issues of Importance: The principal's reports are in writing.

T. Kennett's report is in writing. The Smart Program has 13 students.

- 7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** P. Bauries commented in an effort to move the meeting along most of the reports will be in writing. She would encourage the Board to read the reports. The administration attends many meetings. She would have T. Kennett submit a monthly report and attend one meeting a month. K. Craig and L. Corriveau will alternate the Board meetings. She would ask that the reports be in the Board packets. Scott Maddy and Heather Gage will be helping Emerson as a Focus School on Sept. 17, 2013.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. Budget Committee Report: E. Stanley reported the committee met and swore in two new members. Robin Oke and Betty Tatro are the new members. L. Corriveau reported on the points of interest as a result of the meeting at Pappagallos and area that we need to look at when preparing the budget. The Budget Committee asked for information on the tech survey. J. Carnie asked if B. Tatro was recommended by the Swanzey Select Board. W. Lechlinder informed J. Carnie she was recommended by the Budget Committee. J. Carnie commented on the RSA. There is a difference of opinion.

8b. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright met and attended the advisory committee for the Regional Fire Science Center. The program Firefighter Science One will transfer to a college if the program is approved by the State. It has no expiration date. This program if approved will start in 2014. Monadnock will be able to have 25% of the seats in the program.

8c. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee: E. Jacod reported the committee did not meet.

8d. Community Relations: E. Jacod reported the committee met on August 13, 2013. The committee attended 3 principal events. Mt. Caesar and Cutler had an

outstanding crowd. E. Jacod was unable to attend the event with R. Upton. There was no meeting tonight. They did not have a quorum.

8e. Finance Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee did not meet. They are scheduled to meet on Sept. 10, 2013 at 8:45 AM.

8f. Education Committee: J. Carnie reported the committee did not meet. They are scheduled to meet on Sept. 10, 2013 at 10:30 AM.

8g. Facilities Committee: E. Jacod reported the committee met on August 20, 2013. The classroom windows were late being put in but were done for school. The Troy and Mt. Caesar nurse's offices are complete. He had a discussion with Kathy Shanks about the Wilcox building. She is feeling the pinch. There is a lot of confidential information in the building. There will be two motions from the Facilities Committee. T. Breen reported the big items at the elementary schools have been completed. J. Fortson has asked the elementary principals for a punch list. The card system is being installed at the elementary schools. There will be a motion regarding the J's. E. Stanley commented on the spotless condition of the school even with all the renovations that had been done. D. LaPointe and the maintenance dept. did a wonderful job.

8h. Policy Committee: M. Blair reported the Policy Committee did not meet.

8i. Technology Committee: M. Blair reported the committee did meet on August 20, 2013. They received updates on the chrome books. The chrome books for the 7th, 8th and 9th grades should be here soon. The committee discussed the permission slips. K. Craig will review and edit the forms and then it will come back to the Board.

8j. Sports Task Force: E. Stanley informed the Board there was no meeting. J. Fortson commented she had made two attempts to get a copy of the committee minutes. E. Stanley explained he sent the minutes to Linda. It is believed there are three sets of minutes. J. Fortson has not received the minutes.

9. OLD BUSINESS: MOTION:

9a. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: P. Bauries explained in the Board packet was the court decision and insurance estimate on the Wilcox building. There is no appraisal as of yet. The Board could have the assessed value. E. Stanley asked how they can get an appraisal. P. Bauries commented in the 2004 court decree it was ordered that the Town of Swanzey do the appraisal. It was commented the appraisal needs to be updated. J. Carnie asked if Swanzey had done any of the items they were told to do regarding the court case. M. Blair commented it is not a question of ownership regarding the Wilcox building but is the insurance sufficient or to build on campus and bring Title One closer. We should have the appraisal done. We need to use the building. This was a request from the motion maker. We need the space. It was commented why not repair the roof we have the building. D. Coffman

commented should we fix it, level it or move the Title One to the Gilsum building where there is room. What can we legally do? The motion was made for an appraisal. **MOTION:** B. Faulkner **MOVED** to authorize the administration to proceed with the repairs to the Wilcox Building using the insurance proceeds. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 6.586/4.232/0/4.183. **Motion passes.**

M. Blair commented the Board had received a legal opinion on the policy Unexpired Terms of Fulfillment as amended then received another opinion in which the Board has not seen yet. P. Bauries explained she had received a verbal opinion from Jim O'Shaunessy. He suggested going with the State statute if not it could be contested. It was commented we made our policy prior to the change. M. Blair would like to see the verbal opinion in writing. It was commented the parties received an opinion did not like it so went to get another opinion. J. Carnie commented this District voted as a whole and then the statute changed. **R. Thackston arrives.** P. Bauries will go to J. O'Shaunessy for a written opinion. D. Coffman commented than we will have two opinions. B. Faulkner commented the policy was in question because the State rep. said it was inconsistent. J. Carnie commented we have to ask them for a written opinion from the Firm. R. Thackston commented this was brought up by Bruce Tatro. The Board can do what it wants on this issue. J. Carnie commented the statute says the Budget Committee will conform to the same rules.

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** to take the recommendation from J. Butterfield to remove the trailer which was already slated to be removed. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 11.916/0/0/3.084. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: E. Jacod. **MOVED** to authorize Dr. Corriveau to direct the administrative team to do a district wide utilization study to relocate Title One. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** This still needs to be done even though Wilcox will be repaired. **VOTE:** 11.916/0/0/3.084. **Motion passes.**

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

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

10f. Action on the Manifest: **MOTION:** D. Coffman **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$2,317,273.33. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.817/0/1.099/3.084. **Motion passes.**

10g. New Business: E. Jacod asked how many of the surrounding towns receive Time Warner and are able to view the Board Meetings. There are only 3 surrounding towns. M. Blair explained you can go on line.

L. Corriveau informed the Board of the many fundraisers going on in the District.

L. Corriveau informed the Board, Troy has received a \$700.00 gift from Walmart. **MOTION:** R. Smith. **MOVED** to accept the gift from Walmart in the amount of \$700.00 for supplies for the Troy School. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.916/0/0/3.084. **Motion passes.** P. Bauries asked the Superintendent and the principal of Troy to send thank you notes to Walmart.

J. Fortson informed the Board she will be attending the select meetings in Roxbury and Gilsum.

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

12. Public Comments: Christine Kennedy thanked the Board for the additional kindergarten teacher and additional help.

13. 9:50 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 the reputation of any person. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** E. Jacod, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, M. Blair, P. Peterson, W. Wright, R. Thackston, E. Stanley, R. Smith and P. Bauries. 10.817/1.099/0/3.084. **Motion passes.**

14. Public Session: MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the August 13, 2013 9:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **VOTE:** 8.842/0/3.074/3.084. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to seal the Sept. 3, 2013 9:50 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes until June 30, 2024. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.733/0/1.183/3.084. **Motion passes.**

M. Morrison arrives

15. 10:10 PM MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee: **SECOND:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** E. Jacod, J. Carnie, D. Coffman, B. Faulkner, W. Wright, R. Thackston, E. Stanley, R. Smith, P. Peterson, M. Blair, M. Morrison and P. Bauries. 11.916/0/0/3.084. **Motion passes.**

16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: J. Carnie **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 10:31PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 14.072/0/0/.928. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted, Laura L. Aivaliotis, Recording secretary