

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Non-Approved Minutes)
February 3, 2015
Mount Caesar Elementary School, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Pat Bauries, Betty Tatro, Richard Thackston, Barry Faulkner, Winston Wright, Phyllis Peterson, Lisa Steadman, Ed Jacod and James Carnie

Absent: Eric Stanley, Robert Smith, Mike Blair and unassigned seat from Roxbury.

Administration present: K. Pfeifer, Interim Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent and L. Carey, Interim Assistant Superintendent.

Also present: Linda Heath and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

B. Faulkner opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

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

1. **Public Comments:** D. Cairns commented and mentioned he came to the school this evening to attend the CRC meeting but it did not happen, previously he came to attend the Finance Meeting it did not happen and then again to attend the CRC and it did not happen. The Board is not upholding their job. He is also disappointed in the process of the new Master Schedule. On October 28, 2014 the committee was created and asked to bring something back to the Education Committee but they did not meet. The administration is working against a time line. In the committee minutes it stated in another district it took a year to propose a Master Schedule and this committee took 5 weeks. That is not enough time. The new Master Schedule was approved by the Board. This will be his son’s third Master Schedule in 4 years. He is disappointed with the process. *E. Jacod arrives.*

M. Divens mentioned how nasty the article in the Keene Sentinel was and hoped none of the Board had dropped the bomb. People are trying very hard to bring the District together. She hopes it does not hurt us. It makes us childish as a community.

K. Pfeifer informed the Board Joyce Chickering-Jernberg has passed away. She had worked for the District for 34 years. He acknowledged her contribution to the District. The Board had a moment of silence.

2. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to postpone the approval of the January 12, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes until later in the meeting. **SECOND:** P. Bauries **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie has a number of questions regarding the minutes in writing and would like an answer to each

one. Someone took the copy of the January Minutes and copied them for the Board. They were in the Board packets at a previous meeting.

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the January 20, 2015 School Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** P. Bauries **VOTE:** 7.592/0/1.755/3.653. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the January 20, 2015 9:54 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 8.424/0/0.998/3.578. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept the January 20, 2015 9:59 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 7.426/0/1.996/3.578. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the January 12, 2015 School Board Meeting Minutes (MESSA) as presented. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie was told by the Chair the meeting was a Special Meeting not an Emergency Meeting. He commented the statute does not allow for a Special Meeting. He would also question the posting and timing of the meeting. He said if it is an Emergency Meeting it needs to be defined. The law does not allow for a Special Meeting. B. Faulkner commented the material was available 48 hours in advance. J. Carnie stated a number of people did not receive it. B. Faulkner commented what is done is done. J. Carnie said it is not accurate. J. Carnie commented call it an Emergency Meeting. R. Thackston asked if a meeting has to be defined. A meeting can be called by the chair if properly noticed. B. Faulkner commented the meeting was posted on Thursday and scheduled for Monday. J. Carnie commented he did not get the information. It did not get posted in Richmond until Monday. B. Faulkner commented what is done is done. R. Thackston commented the meeting does not have to be defined, if you disagree vote against the motion. R. Thackston said to accept or propose an amendment. J. Carnie asked who signed or agreed to a tentative agreement. R. Thackston commented when you go through the process they are marked off TA negotiated on their side and our side. L. Steadman signed most and R. Thackston signed some as well as E. Stanley. J. Carnie asked who signed the final one. It was commented L. Steadman signed the final one. R. Thackston commented the committee was satisfied with the proposal to the Board. J. Carnie commented a lot of people were texting during the meeting it should be made available to the public. J. Carnie asked what was voted to pass the TA agreement that was presented. B. Faulkner commented during the meeting we identified parts of the meeting to the TA. B. Faulkner commented this is not the time for that. R. Thackston commented if J. Carnie had stayed for the meeting he would have known what had happened but he left. J. Carnie asked if page 36 was included. R. Thackston commented that is out of the scope of approving the minutes. B. Faulkner commented we are rehashing. J. Carnie would challenge the Chair. He asked do they know. B. Faulkner called the comment out of order. **MOTION** J. Carnie **MOVED** to overrule the Chair's ruling. **VOTE:** 4.068/5.354/0/3.578. **Motion fails.** **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to move the question on the minutes. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** **Overruled by Chair.** J. Carnie asked if there were any other changes to the contract since it was presented. B. Faulkner explained the copy at the Deliberative Session is what was voted on. **MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to change the title of the meeting from a "Special Meeting: to an "Emergency Meeting". **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **DISCUSSION:** R. Thackston

commented if we change it to an Emergency Meeting it does not impact the actions that took place that night. B. Faulkner explained an Emergency Meeting has strict requirements.

VOTE: 3.311/4.239/1.115/4.355. **Motion fails. (E. Jacod missing from vote)** While reviewing the minutes they noticed M. Blair left the meeting before the 1 minute recess and returned when B. Tatro arrived. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to amend the January 12, 2015 MESSA Minutes to reflect M. Blair returned to the meeting at 7:07 PM. **SECOND:** R. Thackston. **VOTE on the amendment:** 6.469/1.121/1.075/4.335. **Motion passes. VOTE on the amended motion:** 5.354/3.311/0/4.335. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: R. Thackston **MOVED** to accept the January 15, 2015 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** 7.667/0/0.998/4.335. **Motion passes.**

3. **Student Government Report:** There is no Student Government Report.
4. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson is not present. She is attending the Town's Deliberative Session.
5. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** K. Craig is due to report at the next meeting and asked if there were any questions from her last report.
6. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**
 - 6a. **Correspondence and Announcements:** K. Pfeifer explained there are some issues with Ro-Bo Call. He wanted to let the Board know they have changed vendors. N. Richardson was able to find a more reliable vendor. They have changed to Code Ed. There were issues on Sunday and Monday regarding old numbers but that will be cleaned up. He is very pleased with the service from Code Ed. and the technical support. K. Pfeifer passed out the Legislative Forum Minutes and the Pre-Deliberative Session Meeting Minutes. K. Pfeifer received a letter from the CEO of Badger in Gilsum. He has received the opinion from the attorney regarding the Board Chair election. The Committee Chair reports are due on Feb. 9, 2015 for Education Matters and the green sheet information is due on Feb. 12, 2015. He has a list of grant approvals which he read to the Board. K. Pfeifer passed out a calendar with the list of fundraisers. **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to allow the Key Club to attend the District Convention in Springfield, Mass. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 9.422/0/0/3.576. **Motion passes.**
 - 6b. **Other Issues of Importance:** There were no other issues.
7. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** B. Faulkner informed the Board he also had received a copy of the letter from the CEO of Badger. B. Faulkner mentioned he will be going on vacation and J. Carnie will run the next meeting. He commented the committees are broken and have not met or have canceled. He would suggest scheduled meetings less often perhaps monthly meetings and restrict the day to Tuesday. He would also suggest every Board Member on a maximum of 2 committees, the members would receive the agendas in advance and issues would be defined by the Board. K. Pfeifer commented we routinely schedule the CRC prior to the Board Meeting. Unfortunately, it was done and there was no meeting scheduled. B.

Faulkner would suggest these issues be brought up at the next organizational meeting and for the next Board Chair.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. Education & Policy: This committee has not met.

8b. Finance/Facilities: The committee has not met.

8c. Budget Committee: B. Tatro reported the committee is scheduled to meet on February 24, 2015.

8d. Sports Committee: The committee has not met.

8e. Interim Report from the AD Hoc Committee on the STEAM Academy: P. Bauries reported the committee has been granted another 60 days to submit the Public Charter School application. The numerous letters in support of STEAM will be included with the application. The expansion of STEAM will reflect upon the vote in March. The backup proposal for the following year would be for STEAM to go to all elementary schools at the 5th grade level. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night. B. Tatro informed the Board she has been asked to submit a letter.

P. Bauries congratulated the 10,000 Mentors Program. They are working very hard to get the word out. It was suggested that K. Upton make a presentation whenever possible.

9. Old Business:

9a. Superintendent's Recommendation on Web Site changes: K. Pfeifer explained he wanted to hold a meeting but it was snowed out twice.

9b. Action on Warrant Article description for the Newsletter (Green Sheet): L. Steadman prepared the previously called Green Sheet which is the explanation of the warrant article that will appear on the ballot. She read the explanations to the Board. The Board reviewed each explanation and made corrections to the first paragraph, Article Two and Article Eight. There was quite a discussion on Article Eight. Scott Peters of Troy commented there was too much detail on Article Eight. It was commented it should be explained who should be contacted for the petitioned articles. R. Thackston is of the opinion traditionally go through the process, the articles are clearer than the explanation. In his opinion the School Board should not comment on petitioned articles. The information regarding the petitioned warrant articles is at the SAU office. D. Cairns commented this information is not coming from the CRC but the Board. **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to remove everything written in red under Article Eight. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 5.183/4.239/0/3.578. **Motion passes.** L. Steadman commented it is inappropriate to explain all the articles except Article Eight. P. Bauries gave several suggestions regarding the explanation and they all agreed. **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to amend the explanation for Article Eight as discussed. **SECOND:** L. Steadman. **VOTE:** 9.422/0/0/3.578. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to accept all the language for the explanations of the articles as amended by the Board.

SECOND: L. Steadman. **DISCUSSION:** P. Bauries asked for a friendly amendment and add contract ends on June 30, 2018 and remove “newly formed” from Article Eight. **VOTE:** 9.422/0/0/3.578. **Motion passes.** L. Steadman will email the amended explanations to the Board.

9c. Other Old Business as may come before the Board: MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** to add B. Tatro to the CRC. **SECOND:** R. Thackston. **DISCUSSION:** It was commented it was not a good idea to add people to committees at this time when creating a new Board. R. Thackston commented it is important to have the next two meetings. It is a big problem. The CRC usually met prior to the Board Meetings but the SAU met. J. Carnie is concerned not just with the CRC but all the committee meetings. There are a lot of problems and adding one person will not resolve them. L. Steadman explained no one is willing to serve. J. Carnie commented when he chaired the committees he always had a quorum. It is a matter of people resigning and being removed from a very fine Negotiating Committee. **VOTE:** 8.347/0/1.075/3.578. **Motion passes.** P. Bauries asked if there is any committee meetings scheduled. No one is aware of any upcoming committee meetings.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10a. Motions from Education & Policy Committee: There are no motions from this committee.

10b. Motions from Finance & Facilities Committee: There are no motions from this committee.

10c. Action on the Manifest: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amounts of \$ 1,457,366.00. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 9.422/0/0/3.578. **Motion passes.**

10d. Other New Business as may come before the Board: There is no other New Business.

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA:

- 1. Signed TA Agreement**
- 2. Final MESSA Contract and signatures**
- 3. Quorum Signatures**

J. Carnie asked if page 36 of the MESSA contract was presented to the Board and voted on.
B. Faulkner commented page 36 is what we voted on.

12. Public Comments: There were no Public Comments.

13. B. Faulkner declares a 5 minute recess.

14. 9:02 PM Motion 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. MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to go 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:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 7.349/1.075/0.998/3.578. **Motion passes.**

15. Public Session: J. Carnie commented the Board does not need to go into non-public session for resignations. They are normally done in public. E. Jacod would question certain resignations. R. Thackston commented the Board agreed if you give your resignation you resign and cannot change your mind. It is better off to go into non-public than not to go in.

16. 9:09 PM Motion to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b)
Consideration of Hiring a Public Employee: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Consideration of Hiring a Public Employee. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 9.422/0/0/3.578. **Motion passes.**

17. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.
SECOND: P. Peterson **VOTE:** 9.422/0/0/3.578. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary