

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Non-Approved Minutes)
April 15, 2014
Emerson Elementary, Fitzwilliam, NH

Members Present: Barry Faulkner, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Phyllis Peterson, Mike Blair, Lisa Steadman, Betty Tatro, Robert Smith, Eric Stanley and James Carnie

Absent: Richard Thackston, Ed Jacod and unassigned seats from Roxbury.

Administration present: L. Corriveau, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent and J. Fortson, Business Manager.

J. Carnie 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: Marie Szymcik, co-president of the MDEA was before the Board regarding the hour’s calendar and the MDEA would like the Board to revisit the Memorandum of Understanding. She commented they felt the calendar was positive. She commented R. Thackston misunderstood any comments and it is clear they are in favor of the calendar and looking forward to the conversation with the committee. She commented R. Thackston misunderstood any comments.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the April 1, 2014 School Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** 11.032/0/0/1.968. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the April 1, 2014, 9:44 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Bauries **VOTE:** 11.032/0/0/1.968.
Motion passes

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the April 1, 2014, 10:00 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** 11.032/0/0/1.968
Motion passes.

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

4. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT: J. Fortson explained due to the Business Office taking care of the dental the District was able to save \$45,348.00. The medicade billing is being done in house with a savings of \$100,000.00 plus. J. Fortson explained the numbers on the weighted vote are correct.

5. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: K. Craig passed out a packet to the Board. She explained it includes a glimpse at all of the hard work going on in the District. She included information on the new State test which will be given in 2015. There is a sample test. Literacy is very important in all areas. Grades have just closed at the high school and the administration will be bringing that information to the Education Committee and then to the Board.

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

6a. Correspondence and Announcements: L. Corriveau asked the Board to give attention to the web site. They are trying to recognize the achievements in the District. Elliot Kaplan has been awarded Secondary Teacher of the Year by the New England Institute of Chemistry. L. Corriveau read the headlines regarding foreign language, STEAM, SAT, ACT, ACCESS and the Discovery Center. This District is moving in the same directions as the other Districts. We are on track. L. Corriveau mentioned he attended a STEAM meeting which is trying to get other students to attend Gilsum to help keep it open. It was reported 75% of the parents attended their child's conference. The elementary schools did great and the MS/HS went well. The junior class has the highest daily attendance and scored the best on their NECAP Tests. The administrative team will donate a sponsorship for the Project Graduation Golf Tournament. L. Corriveau will bring back the revised nurse evaluation to present to the Board. Research on school funding and school performance articles were passed out. On May 22, 2014 the Board and Keene will meet with NECDEC. There is a workshop regarding negotiations. Any Board Member interested fill out the form and give it to L. Corriveau. It was mentioned the State of Indiana has opted out of the Common Core. J. Carnie would like a list of the States who have opted out.

6b. Other Issues of Importance: There are no other issues of importance.

7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT: R. Thackston is not present. There is no chair report.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. SAU 93 Committee: The Board held an SAU 93 Board Meeting tonight. They will schedule another meeting prior to the second Board Meeting in May.

8b. Budget Committee Report: B. Tatro reported the Budget Committee will meet on April 29, 2014.

8c. Cheshire Career Center: W. Wright informed the Board there is no report.

8d. Negotiations/Human Resource Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee has had contact with MESA to start negotiations for their new contract. They will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding.

8e. Community Relations: M. Blair reported the committee did not meet. The committee has invited the Troy Selectmen to their next meeting.

8f. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley informed the Board the committee will meet on April 22, 2014. The committee will ask the Board for a special meeting in order to vote on bids for Year 6 of the renovations to the MS/HS or allow the Facilities Committee to accept the bids.

8g. Finance Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee met on April 9, 2014. The committee discussed the Post Secondary Alternative Learning Coordinator position and the odd hours to accommodate parents and students. They discussed the changes in principals throughout the District. They discussed opportunities to students on subject matter. The hiring of the consulting firm was discussed. The Technology Integration Specialist position is the best way to give the teachers the support. The IT Directors job description has gone into other areas. They discussed the policy regarding Ethics and Conflict of Interest as well as a policy for consideration regarding cash handling guidelines. The next meeting is on April 30, 2014 at 8:45 AM.

8h. Education Committee: P. Bauries reported the committee met on April 9, 2014. They received Public Comments regarding the Fast Forward Program which was put back in the budget. The report on the Scholastic Turn around Coach was passed out. The committee is excited to have Sue Szachowicz back in the District. They have begun to receive applications for the World Language Teacher position. They also discussed Summer School and enrichment. The next meeting is on April 30, 2014 following Finance.

8i. Policy Committee: The committee met on April 9, 2014. They will be bringing 3 new policies for approval tonight. These policies are required by law. The next meeting is on April 29, 2014.

8j. Technology Committee: M. Blair reported the committee met on April 9, 2014. They discussed with N. Richardson, N. Moriarty and M. Blair textbook replacement. They will be meeting with the librarians to develop a plan for the textbook replacement. The system analyst was mentioned by N. Richardson. There were 253 responses on the survey. The majority are happy with the Technology Implementation Program. The webmasters had a meeting. The committee discussed policy modification regarding the chrome books. The Dept. of Education is very interested in what the District is doing in regards to the IT and STEAM. The committee discussed the Tech Plan and they have made modifications. The next meeting is on April 20, 2014.

8k. Sports Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee met and T. Stewart was in attendance. They discussed the ice hockey program. T. Stewart went to the State for the JV hockey team. At this time they have scheduled for 8 games and possibly more to come. There are 20 students interested in the program. There will be a motion later regarding the ice hockey program. The committee visited the weight room and it is well equipped. The next meeting is on April 21, 2014 at 3:00 PM.

9. Old Business:

9a. L. Corriveau explained to the Board the water would be shut off at the Cutler School only for tomorrow. The students and staff will have plenty of water to drink and there will be port-a-potties for the students and staff. The parents have been notified. All precautions have been taken.

9b. Technology Instructional Specialist: J. Carnie explained the Board tabled the Technology Instructional Specialist motion. **MOTION:** B. Faulkner **MOVED** to take off the table the motion to approve the job description of the SAU 93/MRSD Technology Instructional Specialist. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 7.720/1.121/2.191/1.968. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** B. Faulkner **MOVED** to approve the job description of the SAU 93/MRSD Technology Instructional Specialist. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** P. Bauries commented the position as presented by the administration at the last meeting. **VOTE:** 8.842/1.115/1.075/1.968. **Motion passes.**

9c. Board Evaluations: P. Bauries informed the Board Members she has a copy of the Board Evaluations to be filled out if anyone needs one.

9d. Wellness Committee: P. Bauries reported she attended a Wellness Meeting. They discussed what is offered to the staff to ensure their well being. The current policy of 2006 has been placed under nutrition it is not in the MRSD Policies.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10a. Motions from the Finance Committee: There are no motions from Finance.

10b. Motions from the Education Committee: There are no motions from Education.

10c. Motions from the Facilities Committee: **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** on behalf of the Facilities Committee to ask the Board to authorize the Facilities Committee to make decisions on the incoming bids for Year 6 of the renovations to the MS/HS. **SECOND:** B. Faulkner. **DISCUSSION:** P. Peterson asked if the Board would be receiving an email when the bids come in. D. LaPointe explained the bids will be opened on April 21, 2014 and brought to the Facilities Meeting on April 22, 2014. L. Steadman suggested Board Members be present to approve. E. Stanley explained we would have to post meeting and it would require a quorum. **VOTE:** 10.033/.998/0/1.968. **Motion passes.**

10d. Motions from the Policy Committee: J. Carnie commented the Board should review the policies at one meeting and vote at the next meeting. Some of the policies were not in the packets and we should not vote on them. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy IKAA Interdisciplinary Credit as presented. **SECOND:** R. Smith **DISCUSSION:** L. Steadman informed the Board this policy is required by law. J. Carnie commented this is the first view of the policy. Consider this the first reading and bring it back at the next meeting for a vote.

R. Smith asked if there was anything pressing about this policy. J. Carnie suggested reading the policy regarding the process. M. Blair asked for a point of order and asked to postpone until May 6. **L. Steadman and R. Smith withdraw their motion.** L. Steadman commented she would like to discuss all the policies to be voted on at the next meeting.

10e. Motion from the Sports Committee: MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** on behalf of the Sports Committee to recommend the addition of a junior varsity ice hockey team to the sports program with the Booster Club support of \$11,550.00 and to have future funding to be discussed in the 2015-2016 budget process. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie asked if the Board would like to deal with this tonight or at the next meeting. P. Bauries commented you can always table the motion. The Board will move ahead with the discussion. P. Bauries commented originally Monadnock was going to partner with Conant. The Conant voters did not approve the hockey team. She is concerned with the 8th graders and the seniors on the same team. E. Stanley commented size does not matter. R. Smith commented it is a problem not having T. Stewart in attendance. It was commented at the Sports Committee Meeting that the seniors could not be seasoned players. M. Blair commented it is a win, win situation. Size is not an issue. L. Steadman would like to know the cost and who is going to pay. She asked if the Booster Club is going to pay. J. Carnie asked what happens if they do not pay next year. B. Tatro asked if there is any other sports team that requires Booster Club contribution. P. Bauries has questions and would have liked to have the AD present. M. Blair commented it is a great proposal from the Booster Club. It is a pilot and the cost is only \$8742.00. Who cares about the schedule we do not question the basketball or football schedules. L. Steadman commented she wants to approve but the motion needs to be clear with a friendly amendment “ with the Booster Club support of \$11550.00 and to have future funding to be discussed in the 2015-2016 budget process.” P. Peterson commented we need to get going with the program. J. Carnie commented the funds in the budget were for a varsity program. It is necessary to agree with L. Steadman’s friendly amendment. He said we need to address the cost of the program. We have had programs when the parents have paid. **VOTE:** 9.910/0/1.121/1.968. **Motion passes.** J. Carnie asked why T. Stewart was not present.

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

10g. Action on the Manifest: MOTION: B. Faulkner **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amount of \$1,131,742.27. **SECOND:** P. Bauries **VOTE:** 11.032/0/0/1.968. **Motion passes.**

10h. New Business: B. Tatro commented the District needs a 3 year plan for technology. She would like to ask the Technology Committee to put together a 3 year plan and bring it to the full Board. J. Carnie suggested bringing this issue up at the next meeting. M. Blair will include in the Board packets the work the committee has already done.

L. Corriveau reported the Cutler DI Team will be selling drinks and food for their fund raiser. Another DI Team will raffle two gift baskets. The MS Band will be selling Yankee Candles and the Troy 6th graders will have a fund raiser with D'Angelos and Panera.

MOTION: W. Wright **MOVED** to accept the following donations: 750 books for Troy Elementary, 250 books for Gilsum, 1000 books for Emerson Elementary all books were donated by C & S, \$150.00 from the Gilsum Recreation Committee for STEAM Night and \$250.00 for the Ferry Beach field trip from the Savings Bank of Walpole. **SECOND:** R. Smith. **VOTE:** 11.032/0/0/1.968. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: R. Smith **MOVED** to approve the following field trips: Gilsum to go to White River Junction, DI to go to Tennessee, MS/HS to attend the Boston Symphony, AP Art Class to attend the Museum of Fine Arts and the 7th and 8th graders to attend the Boston Museum and the Freedom Trail. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **DISCUSSION:** A parent was concerned about the homework when the student is away. L. Corriveau commented teachers need to be accommodating. L. Corriveau and K. Craig will look into this. **VOTE:** 11.032/0/0/1.968. **Motion passes.**

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- 1. 3 year Technology Plan**
- 2. Conval Policy NHSBA Policy**
- 3. Changing the order of voting**

12. Public Comments: There are no Public Comments.

13. 9:16 PM MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** 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. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** J. Carnie, P. Peterson, M. Blair, B. Faulkner, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, R. Smith, B. Tatro, W. Wright and P. Bauries. 11.032/0/0/1.968. **Motion passes.**

14. 9:25 PM MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** J. Carnie, P. Peterson, M. Blair, L. Steadman, R. Smith, B. Tatro, W. Wright, B. Faulkner, E. Stanley and P. Bauries. 11.032/0/0/1.968. **Motion passes.**

15. 9:50 MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** 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. **SECOND:** R. Smith **VOTE:** J. Carnie, P. Peterson, M. Blair, W. Wright, R. Smith, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, B. Faulkner, P. Peterson and P. Bauries. 11.032/0/0/1.968 **Motion passes.**

16. 10:35 MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Litigation. **SECOND:** E. Stanley **VOTE:** J. Carnie, P. Peterson, B.

Tatro, M. Blair, W. Wright, R. Smith, E. Stanley, L. Steadman, B. Faulkner and P. Bauries. 11.032/0/0/1.968 **Motion passes.**

17. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: R. Smith **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 PM. **SECOND:** E. Stanley **VOTE:**11.032/0/0/1.968 **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary