

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**Pre-Deliberative Meeting**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 31, 2015**  
**Monadnock Regional MS/HS Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** James Carnie, Mike Blair, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Phyllis Peterson, Richard Thackston, Ed Jacod, Lisa Steadman, Betty Tatro and Barry Faulkner. **Absent:** Robert Smith, Eric Stanley and unassigned Roxbury.

**Also present:** K. Pfeifer, Interim Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, J. Fortson, Business Manager, Attorney O'Shaughnessy and L. Aivaliotis recording secretary.

Barry Faulkner opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.

**1. Public Comments:** Joanne Stroshine explained she is a substitute at the school and has heard from other staff the Discovery Room has only been used twice. A lot of money was spent on this room and it does not have all the equipment. A science teacher said he or she does not need to use the Discovery Room because his or her science room has been enlarged. J. Stroshine asked the plans for the room and are we getting our monies worth. She also commented the middle school students are out of control. She spends most of her time disciplining and wonders how much time is taken away from the learning. There is lack of respect. She would like to see a Middle School principal. She would hesitate to say it was the staff, possibly the culture or the family structure. B. Faulkner commented the Facilities Committee should look into the space issue. The cost to improve the science labs was not a large amount. J. Stroshine commented the science space is great but the administration is squeezed into unreasonable spaces.

**2. Discussion of Warrant Articles:**

Article One is set by the Budget Committee and they will speak on this article.

Article Two the funds for the Mt. Caesar renovations. B. Tatro will discuss Article Two.

Article Three the funds for the MS/HS Renovations. L. Steadman will discuss Article Three. K. Pfeifer commented regarding Article Two and Article Three, J. Fortson and her people could help with those articles. J. Fortson explained D. LaPointe will be present for any questions.

Article Four the funds for the Before and After Program. B. Faulkner will discuss Article Four.

Article Five the funds for the Emergency Fuel Fund. W. Wright will discuss Article Five.

Article Six the funds for the Capital Reserve Fund. B. Faulkner will discuss Article Six.

Article Seven the funds for the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the MRSB and the Specialists. L. Steadman will discuss Article Seven.

Article Eight the funds for the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the MRSB and MESSA. L. Steadman will discuss Article Eight.

Moderator Hutwelker explained he will not be reading the article and there will not be a motion maker and a second. If there is no change to the article it will be moved to the ballot. He will provide the people in attendance with a list of rules. The Board Member, Budget Committee Member or the petitioned article maker will have 10 minutes to discuss their designated article after that, members of the audience will have 3 minutes to comment. W. Hutwelker explained the petitioned warrant articles are advisory only.

J. Carnie informed the Board will be making an amendment to Article Eight the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the MRSB and MESSA. He would like to change paragraph three as follow: This results in wage increase percentage in year one of 11.11%, in year two of 4.28% and year three of 4.01%. The District will fund up to \$1,956,770.71. The District's contribution to the MESSA employee's health care costs for the first year of this contract. J. Fortson explained it is her best guess regarding the insurance due to the fact there are many different plans, marital status changes and the GMR. She also explained DRA has reviewed her information and stands behind it. J. Carnie commented we need to make the public aware. The warrant should be almost identical to the last contract as far as wording. J. Carnie explained the information L. Steadman should let the public know regarding the contract. She stated she is not comfortable with the total cost comments. B. Faulkner asked L. Steadman to speak to the article and he would explain the total cost. L. Steadman pointed out an error regarding a percentage. She will make an amendment at the Deliberative Session.

W. Hutwelker explained he would be moving Article Nine and Article Ten to be discussed after Article Thirteen.

B. Faulkner called a recess at 9:35 AM in order for the Board to attend the Deliberative Session.

W. Hutwelker recessed the Deliberative Session at 1:55 PM until March 10, 2015.

**MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 2:00 PM. **SECOND:** R. Thackston **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary

