

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
September 2, 2014
Monadnock MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Pat Bauries, Betty Tatro, Richard Thackston, Mike Blair, Barry Faulkner, Eric Stanley, Lisa Steadman, Phyllis Peterson, Ed Jacod and James Carnie

Absent: Robert Smith, Winston Wright and unassigned seats from Roxbury.

Administration present: L. Corriveau, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, T. Kennett, Director of Student Services and J. Fortson, Business Manager.

R. Thackston opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

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

7:00 PM Enter into Non-Public Session: MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matter which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie asked if the student has requested to be present in non-public. R. Thackston stated the student and her family will be here. **VOTE:** E. Jacod, P. Peterson, J. Carnie, B. Tatro, M. Blair, B. Faulkner, E. Stanley, P. Bauries, L. Steadman and R. Thackston. **Motion passes.**

Return to Public Session at 7:37 PM: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to seal the September 2, 2014, 7:00 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes until July 1, 2015. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 8.477/0/2.073/2.450. **Motion passes.**

1. Public Comments: There are no Public Comments.

2. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 12, 2014 Public Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 8.431/0/2.120/2.450. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 12, 2014 10:07 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 9.552/.998/0/2.450. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the August 12, 2014, 10:29 PM Non-public meeting minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 9.552/.998/0/2.450. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to accept the July 15, 2014 Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** L. Steadman. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie commented what happened in Richmond was illegal. The question is whether it was legal for the removal of the Negotiating Committee. R. Thackston commented there is a motion on the floor to whether the minutes are accurate. J. Carnie stated it should have been a 2/3 vote. R. Thackston asked when the Board adopted Robert's Rules. R. Thackston stated if there is a question if he had done anything illegal that should go before the Superior Court. R. Thackston asked if the Board is going to approve the minutes or not. M. Blair asked to call the question. J. Fortson and the Recording Secretary stated the July 15, 2014 Minutes had been approved at the last Board Meeting on August 12, according to the recorded minutes and the weighted vote. The Board ends the discussion on the July 15, 2014 Board Minutes.

3. **Student Government Report:** There is no Student Government Report. The elections will be on Sept. 15, 2014.
4. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** J. Fortson passed out the ACES 93 expenditures. J. Fortson is asking the Board to authorize the Chair and the Vice Chair to sign on behalf of the Board to withdraw \$97,140.94 from the Before and After Expendable Trust. **MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to authorize the Board Chair and Vice Chair to sign on behalf of the Board to withdraw \$97,140.94 from the Before and After Expendable Trust held by the Trustees of Swanzey. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson explained this amount is to cover all of last year. She said we had funded \$150,000.00. **VOTE:** 10.550/0/0/2.450. **Motion passes.**
5. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** K. Craig handed out the number of students that are home schooled in the District as of today. It was explained there is no adequacy money for these students. These students can play on sports teams in the District. K. Craig informed the Board they will be offering an American Sign Language Course to the Middle School. This is a six week course and there are about 110 students who will take the course throughout the year.
6. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**
 - 6a. **Correspondence and Announcements:** L. Corriveau reported on the opening day student enrollment. He mentioned it is down a bit. There is no major increase or decrease. L. Corriveau informed the Board the principals would like to share their opening day report with the Board. M. Suarez reported opening day went great at Mt. Caesar. The staff did team building at KSC Camp last Monday. All the students arrived at school happily and home safely. Open house is scheduled for next week. A. Salzmann reported both Emerson and Troy had great opening days. The kindergarten and preschool parents were welcomed the first day of school. Open House is scheduled for next week. Linda reported the MS/HS opening day went smoothly. They had a meet and greet in which 60-70 people attended. T. Walsh provided a Principal's BBQ which went well. R. Upton reported Cutler Community Clean Up Day went very well. Open House is scheduled for Sept. 11, 2014. There have been a lot of staff changes that will enhance student learning.

L. Corriveau thanked R. Upton and the staff for the work at the Cutler School. He thanked L. Patnode and the athletes for helping to clean up the school and J. Fortson and D. LaPointe for the work done in order for opening day. J. Fortson reported the District has received \$107,000.00 from the Energy Efficiency Fund which is now close to \$250,000.00 over the past 5 years. It exceeds all bench marks. L. Corriveau mentioned the District is concerned with drug use and would like to work with Monadnock Voices Prevention to do something in the schools. The administration has also discussed having a discussion with the staff to educate them on suicide prevention on the work shop day. They would like to hold at risk behavior meetings every Monday with a follow up resolution.

6b. Other Issues of Importance: There are no other issues at this time.

- 7. BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** R. Thackston informed the Board he had received a letter from J. O'Shaughnessy regarding the Policy for Public Comments. He advised the Board to have a signup sheet, which they do and to be fair to all that have signed up. R. Thackston is comfortable with the policy as is. We are doing nothing wrong. R. Thackston stated K. Craig has shared her selection of the Superintendent Search Committee with him. K. Craig gave the list to the Board and would like to have the first meeting on October 1, 2014. R. Thackston would like to have an SAU Meeting prior to the next Board Meeting on Sept. 16, 2014.

8. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8a. Education & Policy: M. Blair reported the committee has not met and will meet on Sept. 10, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

8b. Finance/Facilities: L. Steadman reported the committee has not met and will meet on Sept. 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

8c. Budget Committee: B. Tatro reported the Budget Committee met on August 26, 2014. J. Fortson informed the committee a transfer for the Math and English teachers will be going to the Finance Committee on Sept. 10, 2014. L. Corriveau informed the Budget Committee the administration would like to have an increase in technology but otherwise will level fund the budget. They also reported the NESDEC report should be complete by November. There are 43 students at the Gilsum School. Wiring work is needed at Mt. Caesar and Cutler. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 23, 2014.

8d. Community Relations Committee: The committee has not met but will meet prior to the Board Meeting.

8e. Sports Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee will meet on Sept. 8, 2014 at 4:00 PM in the SAU Conference Room.

9. Old Business:

9a. Teacher Contract Discussion: R. Thackston reported the Negotiating Committee met regarding MESSA. The attorney is in the process of sending a letter to the Teacher's Union to reopen negotiations.

9b. July 15, 2014 Non-Public Meeting Minutes: The Board will discuss the minutes in non-public session.

9c. Monadnock United: The Resolution is being reviewed by the attorney.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10a. Motions from Education & Policy Committee: MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to accept Policy IGAP Physical Education as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 10.550/0/0/2.450. **Motion passes.**

10b. Motions from Finance & Facilities Committee: MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance and Facilities Committee to have the Emergency Fuel Fund 2015 Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be placed on the ballot. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** 10.550/0/0/2.450. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** to allow L. Corriveau to spend up to \$300.00 for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Discovery Center. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 8.354/0/2.196/2.450. **Motion passes.**

P. Bauries would like to have the motions in writing with a rationale. This is why she is abstaining on the vote.

10c. Motions from the Sports Committee: There are no motions from the Sports Committee.

10d. Action on the Manifest: MOTION: B. Faulkner **MOVED** to accept the manifest in the amounts of \$2,093,506.71 **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 10.550/0/0/2.450. **Motion passes.**

10e. Other New Business as may come before the Board: It was mentioned the Board might want to think about changing the date on the first meeting in November due to some of the Board Members helping with the election process in their towns.

R. Thackston will ask J. O'Shaughnessy for a copy of a letter and have it placed in the Board packets.

11. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- 1. SAU Meeting Prior to the Board Meeting.**
- 2. Discussion on the July 15, 2014 Non-Public 7:10 PM Minutes (put in packet)**

12. Public Comments: Kim Bohannon asked about receiving the hand outs the Board receives. She asked about electronic Board packets. L. Corriveau mentioned there is a cost associated with this request. The Board will look into this issue.

W. Lechluder mentioned the Budget Committee would like to have a Budget Committee member sit on the Negotiating Committee as a non-voting member to look at the financial aspect of the contracts. R. Thackston informed W. Lechluder the attorney stated all parties need to agree.

M. Szymcik commented on the information for the web site.

M. Manning the V. President of the Cutler PTO mentioned the coupon book fund raiser for Cutler.

The Board will take a 10 minute recess.

13. 8:55 PM 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:** E. Jacod **VOTE:** J. Carnie, M. Blair, B. Faulkner, R. Thackston, E. Stanley, P. Peterson, E. Jacod, B. Tatro, L. Steadman and P. Bauries. **Motion passes.**

14. 9:00 PM MOTION: E. Jacod **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a public employee. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** J. Carnie, E. Jacod, P. Peterson, E. Stanley, B. Tatro, R. Thackston, B. Faulkner, L. Steadman, M. Blair and P. Bauries. **Motion passes.**

15. 9:15 PM MOTION: E. Jacod **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, M. Blair, B. Faulkner, R. Thackston, E. Stanley, P. Peterson, E. Jacod, B. Tatro, L. Steadman and P. Bauries. **Motion passes.**

16. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 10.550/0/0/2.450. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary