

**Monadnock Regional School District
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2024
MRMHS Library, Swanzey, NH**

Budget Committee Members Present: Wayne Lechliden, Ed Sheldon, Robert Audette, Nancy Carney, Richard HKS Thackston, Betty Tatro, School Board Liaison, Anne Marie Osheyack, Virginia Doerpholz, Bruce Murphy, Sarah Burgess and Jack Gettens. **Absent:** Jon Hoden, Doug Bersaw and unassigned seat from Roxbury.

Also Present: J.Rathbun, Superintendent

1. Chair and ViceChair Nominations: MOTION: A. M. Osheyack **MOVED** to nominate E.Sheldon as the Budget Committee Chair. **SECOND:** R. HKS Thackston. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes. MOTION:** E. Sheldon **MOVED** to nominate N. Carney as Budget Committee Vice Chair. **SECOND:** A.M. Osheyack. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

2. Annual Calendar: E.Sheldon explained that the Budget Committee will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. At times during the holidays there may be a schedule change. The committee might not meet in the summer unless a meeting is warranted. There are also 2 additional meetings with the Board one in May and one in November. The Public Hearing is in January and the Deliberative Session is in February which members are expected to attend. There is a big push to work on the budget from October to February.

3. Approval of the January 11, 2024 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes and the January 17, 2024 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes: MOTION: R. HKS Thackston **MOVED** to approve the January 11, 2024 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** R.Audette. **VOTE:** R.Audette-yes, E. Sheldon-yes, R. HKS Thackston-yes, N.Carney-yes, B.Tatro-yes and all remaining members abstain. **Motion passes. MOTION:** R. HKS Thackston **MOVED** to approve the January 17, 2024 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** R. Audette. **VOTE:** R. HKS Thackston-yes, R. Audette-yes, E. Sheldon-yes, B. Tatro-yes and remaining members abstain. **Motion passes.**

4. Administrator's Report:

a. Monthly Expense Report:J. Rathbun explained that J.Morin was not able to attend tonight's meeting. She did send the Monthly Expense Report for the committee to review. There is 1.51% of the budget remaining. He explained that the number includes the encumbrances. The number has not changed a lot since the last meeting. They are watching the spending and are confident that they will not run a deficit. They have the budget under control. The District lines are over and that is due to the out of

district placements. E.Sheldon commented that there had been discussion on not having a surplus. The surplus is 1.5% currently but we have until the end of the school year. J.Rathbun explained that the wellness days and the buyouts still need to come out of this budget.

New budget committee members have questions about the reports and the budget process. W.Lechlider suggested asking J. Morin to do a review of the reports for the new members.

b. Budget Transfers: E. Sheldon explained that the budget transfers are presented by the administration as well as the detailed report which is emailed to the members prior to the monthly meeting.

5. Superintendent's Comments: J. Rathbun explained that he will be present at the Budget Committee Meetings.

6. School Board Liaison Report: B. Tatro commented that the School Board Members were reelected to the committee.

7. Update on the Elementary School Renovation Project: It was reported that the District will break ground at MTC on the first day of summer vacation. There is a possibility that they will also start the renovation process at Emerson. Starting Emerson at the same time as MTC will save money. The additions to Emerson will be in the summer and the Fall. Next summer the interior will be done at Emerson. The Troy timeline depends on what happens at Emerson. Andrew Day, the Project Manager and Hutter Construction is running the show. There was a question about the traffic flow at MTC. J.Rathbun explained that the parking lot will be much larger. The buses will have their own entrance and there are a couple of pick up places.

8. Chairperson's Comments: E. Sheldon commented that it was great to fill the seats on the Budget Committee. It would be nice to fill the Roxbury seat.

9. Next Meeting's Agenda: The next meeting is on April 23, 2024. The committee will have a presentation from J. Morin regarding the information she provides. The Joint meeting in May will also be discussed.

10. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

11. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: R.Audette **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. **SECOND:** R.HKS Thackston. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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MRSD Recording Secretary