

**Monadnock Regional School District  
Education/Technology Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2024  
SAU Conference Room, Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Stephanie Lawlor, Scott Peters and Edmond LaPlante. **Absent:** Brian Bohannon.

**Also Present:** J. Rathbun, Superintendent via Zoom and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** S.Lawlor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
3. **Motion to Approve the January 24, 2024 Ed/Tech Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** S.Peters **MOVED** to approve the January 24, 2024 Ed/Tech Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** S.Lawlor **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
4. **Overview of Marzano Summit:** J. Rathbun and the elementary principals attend the Marzano Summit. He explained the Strategic work we need to do is what will get us to the certain levels. The principals did enjoy the Summit. The first step is to work with a consultant paid for by grant funds. That will get us started. The consultant will work with the Assistant Superintendent and the principals. It was a valuable conference. J.Rathbun explained the first steps will happen over the summer. He said we will need an Assistant Superintendent and the principals will need time. We have books and the principals will start the basic background work. The heaviest part of the work will happen over the summer when time can be dedicated to the process. The consultant will help get the group started. S.Peters would like to share the book with the committee and the Board. He asked J.Rathbun if there is a School Board focus book. The name of the book is Five Ideas of Higher Liability Schools. S.Peters would love to bring the book to the organizational meeting. J. Rathbun will try to have the books available for the organizational meeting. He ordered them tonight. S.Lawlor asked if there was a starting point regarding the work done by the schools and brought to the committee. She asked what the Education Committee could do along with this work. S.Peters commented that the committee could take the philosophies and seek related policies and RSA. It was commented that the levels are not the work of this committee. S.Peters commented that maybe we could identify the initiatives and then listen to J. Rathbun to see if our ideas are different from the school's framework. We need to get educated on the Levels. S.Peters asked J.Rathbun to save the full report for the new committee and the new School Board.
5. **Cell Phone Policy:** S.Peters explained that the Policy Committee had sent back the request from the Ed/Tech Committee regarding a cell phone policy. The committee mentioned

there is a policy but it is not being enforced. It was mentioned that the individual schools have guidelines for their own cell phone policy. J.Rathbun explained that the teachers in the individual schools have created a system. Teachers have different rules. L.Spencer and her team have put something together to allow teachers to have the power to control the cell phones. It is a hard issue but with some teachers it is not an issue. If you are more strict you will take away the ability of the teachers to deal with it. There are a lot of issues with cell phones but it is worth talking about. S.Peters asked if the policy is weak or do we need more discipline. J. Rathbun commented that it is the job of the principals. The administration feels they have no way to enforce this. If the School Board took action the administration could say the School Board enforced this. If the School Board wants to back this up then have a statement and factual statement to share with the parents. The next step is for a solution and input from the administration regarding the cell phone policy and also find additional cross references to the cell phone policy.

**6. Setting the next meeting's date, time and agenda: The committee will schedule a meeting after the new committee forms.**

**7. Public Comments:** S.Peters thanked the committee for all of the hard work this past year.

**8. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM. **SECOND:** E. LaPlante **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Laura L. Aivaliotis**  
**Recording Secretary**