

**Monadnock Regional School District
Education/Technology Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2023
SAU Conference Room/Zoom, Swanzey, NH**

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

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1. Call the Meeting to Order: MOTION: B. Bohannon **MOVED** to call the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. **SECOND:** E. LaPlante. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

2. Public Comments: There were no public comments. The committee was not able to connect to Zoom.

3. Approval of the June 1, 2023 Education/Technology Committee Minutes: The committee reviewed and approved the June 1, 2023 Education/Technology Committee Minutes as presented

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The committee will approve the June 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes at the next meeting.

4. Continued Business:

a. Review questions and continue adding to create philosophies: Review the policy statement: The committee looked at the philosophy statement. S.Peters began with “We believe that... He explained that the philosophies will be taken from the discovery questions that the committee has developed based off of the administration’s answers (the district’s beliefs). The second policy, Policy XYZ details, details, details which the committee reviewed was regarding the DOE standards. The NH State standards are what we are supposed to teach and learn. The 3rd is the Standards of Excellence. At MRSD our philosophy is stronger than the policy or DOE Standard and we believe this is the right approach because of XYZ. This is what the Education Committee and the School Board are working on. The 4th-Operational Standard, 5th-Current State Performance and 6th-Improvement Goals. The 4th-6th would be more for the administration/school staff to be responsible for. E. LaPlante commented that he is aware of schools that do not use the common core standards and are doing better. Private Schools are doing better. He asked if common core standards are hindering the schools. S.Lawlor mentioned that common core standards are what needs to be taught, not how it is taught. How it is being taught is what makes the difference, as well as how much parents are involved/care about education. B. Bohannon asked if 6 policies were too much. S.Lawlor commented that the committee is working on the first one which is the philosophies right now. She said our philosophies are for the 9 definitions: academics, attendance, work ethics, social/emotional, behaviors, competency, growth, achievement, and ready to launch. This information will be on the district website and anyone can look up our philosophies for our district on all 9 of our

definitions. S.Peters brought up a few different references to show examples of the idea. How could we set it up structurally so everyone can access it? He then talked about an Educational X and Y report for each school year which would break up all of the 9 definitions. The committee started to create their philosophies. B. Bohannon felt that it was still too much. B. Bohannon commented on the disconnected/unengaged families that seem to be struggling. There needs to be a clear explanation on the philosophies. If they are specific there is no need to have too many. If anything, there needs to be a conversation on what they mean. The committee continued working on philosophy wording. S.Peters broke up the 3 philosophies that we started with: Academics, Competency and Growth. Achievement would come next.

The committee talked about proficiency and mastery and what they are. J. Rathbun stated at the last meeting how the teachers in our district are scoring students for the competency/standards; Bloom Taxonomy. This is the tier approach on how students are learning. When students learn first they are able to remember, understand, and then apply; which is when they are found proficient. The next three are when mastery comes into play: analyze, evaluate and create. The committee then reviewed the four philosophies they developed for academics.

5. Second Public Comments: There were no public comments.

6. Setting the next meeting's date, time and agenda: July 19, 2023.

7. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: B.Bohannon **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting.
SECOND: S. Peters. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary