

**Monadnock Regional School District
PUBLIC HEARING
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2024
MRMHS Library, Swanzey, NH**

Budget Committee Members Present: Adam Hopkins, Wayne Lechluder, Robert Young, Ed Sheldon, Doug Bersaw, Dan Coffman, Jon Hoden, Robert Audette, Nancy Carney and Richard HKS Thackston. **Absent:** Betty Tatro, School Board Liaison, Anne Marie Osheyack, Open Seat for Roxbury and Open Seat for Gilsum.

Also Present: J.Rathbun, Superintendent and J. Morin, Business Administrator

A.Hopkins opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING: MRSD Warrant Articles for 2024/25 (working copy)

Adam Hopkins read **ARTICLE ONE: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations votes separately, totaling \$37,950,000 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget will be \$37,112,717 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Monadnock Regional School District by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40: 13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating budget only. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee _____ this article. (Majority vote required)** A.Hopkins asked if there were any comments on Article One. No discussion.

Adam Hopkins read **ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the 3-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School District and the Specialists of Monadnock District, SAU 93 for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing level. The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:**

Year	Estimated Increase
2024/25	\$28,805 - Salaries
	\$ 7,276 - Wage associated costs
	\$36,081

2025/26 \$27,085 - Salaries
\$ 6,869 - Wage associated costs
\$33,854
2026/27 \$25,492 - Salaries
\$ 6,506 - Wage associated costs
\$31,998

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,081 for the 2024-25 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wage and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing level paid in the 2023-24 year. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee ___ this article. (Majority vote required) A.Hopkins asked if there were any comments on Article Two. L. Steadman, Chair of the Negotiation Committee presented the Budget Committee with an executive summary of the contract and a copy of the contract.

Adam Hopkins read **ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No new amount will be raised from taxation. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee ___ this article (Majority vote required)** A.Hopkins asked if there were any comments on Article Three. No discussion.

Adam Hopkins read **ARTICLE FOUR: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District receive and approve the reports of the agents, auditors, committees, and officers chosen as printed and distributed in the Annual Report? (Majority vote required)** A.Hopkins asked if there were any comments on Article Four. No discussion.

A.Hopkins CLOSED the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Laura L. Aivaliotis
MRSD Recording Secretary**