

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2022
MRMHS Library/Zoom, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Colleen Toomey, Brian Bohannon, Michelle Connor, Lisa Steadman, Dan LeClair, Scott Peters, Kristen Noonan, Eric Stanley, Betty Tatro and Nick Mosher via Zoom.

Absent: Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas and Jennifer Strimbeck

Administration Present: L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Rathbun, Assistant Superintendent, C. Woods, Director of Student Services, J. Morin, Business Administrator and K. Barker, Architect.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

3. **#celebrate MRSD:**

a. **Gingerbread House Competition:** The Board looked at the gingerbread houses that the Middle School Afterschool Program prepared. They have asked the Board to vote on their favorite. Rainbow Land was a winner with the Board.

b. **National Honor Society:** The National Honor Society inductions are scheduled for December 8, 2022. Congratulations!!!

c. **Holiday Show:** The Holiday Show is scheduled for December 16 and December 17, 2022.

4. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:**

a. **Board Membership Update:** S. Peters and K. Noonan spoke to the Fitzwilliam Select board regarding W. Wright's vacancy. They said they had a few applications. This will be a very difficult seat to fill. W. Wright was amazing.

b. **Student Government Report:** Alyvia Davis on via Zoom but does not have anything new to report.

c. **i-Ready Data (in packet)** J. Rathbun explained the results of the iReady Data. He explained that Tier 1 is performing at grade level, Tier 2 is just under grade level and having intervention and Tier 3 is more intervention. The information is for all of the schools and by grade for Math and English. This testing was done in October. Grades K-3 had very promising results. Gilsum and MTC stand out, all of the Math skills are about equal which is very interesting. Reading also has a similar pattern. This is a great tool and it matches what we are doing in the classroom but it does not match with the State Testing. This information gives the instructor a more standardized look. J. Rathbun commented that they are looking at what is happening in grades 5-8. The Middle School will be looking at Professional Learning Communities. Grade 6 performs well on the assessment but drops off after transition and then

rebound in the 9th grade. We will be looking at individual students. When students move from one school to another the dip is deeper. Parents' involvement drops off. The aspect and grade level have a lot to do with it. B. Bohannon asked if the students are missing skills when entering the MS. What is dragging and what are we going to do? J. Rathbun explained he is not going to sit here and blast teachers. B. Bohannon said he is not pointing fingers. J. Rathbun said in multiple meetings information on how they are going to tackle this was explained but due to travel B. Bohannon was not able to attend. S. Peters suggested a timeline to recap. J. Rathbun also commented that over the past 3 years there are a number of variables not excuses. It was incredible that most of the higher students opted out of the testing. C. Toomey asked how much is to be blamed on the phones. J. Rathbun said other students are on social media across the districts. The State data is the least beneficial. IReady gives us something to analyze. There is a dip at KMS but not as deep as ours. There are professional learning centers at the high school with a significant amount of staff participating. J. Rathbun will gather the information and prepare a timeline.

5. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

a. Senior Class Trip-Virginia Beach: The paperwork for the Senior Trip has not been completed. The Board will discuss this issue at the next meeting.

b. Policies for 2nd Read:

i. EHAB-Data Governance and Security

ii. EHB-Data/Records Retention and Destruction

iii. IHBA-R-Evaluation Requirements for Children with Specific

Learning Disabilities

iv. JLDBB-Suicide Prevention and Response: MOTION: K. Noonan

MOVED to accept the policy changes as presented on behalf of the Policy Committee.

SECOND: B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 9.863/0/.206/2.932. **Motion passes.**

c. November 15, 2022 School Board Meeting Minutes: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to accept the November 15, 2022 School Board Public and Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** M. Connor **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes.**

d. November 19, 2022 Joint SB/BC Meeting Minutes: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to accept the November 19, 2022 School Board/Budget Committee Joint Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** M. Connor **VOTE:** 8.731/0/1.337/2.932. **Motion passes.**

e. March 2023 Warrant Articles: S. Peters explained that the Fin/Fac Committee met earlier tonight to discuss the proposed Warrant Articles. On January 3, 2023 Hutter Construction and K. Barker will be present to discuss the project numbers in order to pin down something for the January 12, 2023 Bond Hearing and Public Hearing. **Article Two Proposed Budget.** The proposed budget is \$34,361,157.00. **Article Three Repair and Maintenance.** The committee would like to propose the amount of \$400,000.00 for the repair of the MRMHS roof which is located over the old tech room, cafeteria, kitchen and music. The administration received an estimate from Melanson Company. When the warrant article is approved the project will go out to bid and per policy three bids will be required. **MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to approve Warrant Article Three as presented in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the repair of the MRMHS Roof. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **DISCUSSION:** The issue is not with the new tech roof.

It is the old tech roof. **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes. Article Four MESSA Agreement. MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to approve the MESSA Agreement Warrant Article as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes. Article Five Special Education Expendable Trust. MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to approve Article Five for \$1.00 for the Special Education Expendable Trust. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes. Article Six Building Maintenance. MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust in the amount of \$250,000.00. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **DISCUSSION:** B. Tatro explained that the Budget Committee is in support of adding funds to this account in hopes of moving toward expendable trusts. Instead of a project while the district is making payments on the bond. S. Peters explained that this does not preclude us from warrant articles in the future. J. Morin explained there is a substantial anticipated unassigned fund balance due to vacancies. N. Mosher asked if the language could be written differently. J. Morin explained that this is the Department of Revenue's recommended language and the voters are used to this language. **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes. Article Seven District Vehicle Expendable Trust. MOTION:** K. Noonan. **MOVED** to approve Article Seven District Vehicle Expendable Trust in the amount of \$50,000.00. **SECOND:** L. Steadman. **DISCUSSION:** This account currently has over \$100,000.00 in it but the Board approved the purchase of a truck with a plow in the amount of about \$58,000.00. There are other vehicles in need of being replaced. **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes. Article Eight School Grounds Expendable Trust. MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to approve Article Eight School Grounds Expendable Trust in the amount of \$200,000.00. **SECOND:** M. Connor. **DISCUSSION:** The Fin/Fac Committee had discussed the tennis courts which need to be repaired/replaced and the MRMHS parking lots. The account currently has over \$100,000.00 in it. **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes. Article Nine Auditors Reports. MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to approve Article Nine Auditors Reports as presented. **SECOND:** L. Steadman **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes.** S. Peters commented that there are a lot of zeros on the warrant. The Budget Committee can weigh in at their meeting with a motion. J. Morin explained the numbers can be amended at the Deliberative Session. It was explained that the Budget Committee has asked for this. N. Mosher said this is smart for us to do. It was also explained that Articles 5-8 are coming out of any unassigned fund balance. No new amount will be raised from taxation in regards to Articles 5-8.

f. Motion on the Manifest: MOTION: L. Sreadman **MOVED** to approve the manifest in the amount of \$ 2,046,293.38 as presented by the administration. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes.**

6. Setting Next Meeting's Agenda:

- 1. Senior Class Trip**
- 2. Ecology School Trip April 10-14**
- 3. Article One and Two**

7. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

8. 8:25 PM Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91:3 II (1) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel. MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91:3 II (1) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel. **SECOND:** C. Toomey. **VOTE:** 9.863/0/.2306/2.932. **Motion passes.**

9. Return to Public Session: MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to seal the 8:25 PM, December 6, 2022 Non-Public Session Meeting Minutes until September of 2023. The purpose of which to seal the minutes is to render in effect the reaction taken in non-public session. **SECOND:** M. Connor. **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes.**

10. 8:45 PM Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person. MOTION: B. Bohannon **MOVED** Enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91:II (c)Matters which, if discussed in public, would adversely affect the reputation of any person. **SECOND:** B.Tatro. **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes.**

11. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM. **SECOND:** M. Connor **VOTE:** 10.068/0/0/2.932. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary

VOTING KEY:Yes/No/Abstain/Absent