Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2022
MRMHS Library/Zoom, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Colleen Toomey, Michelle Connor, Lisa Steadman, Kristen Noonan, Scott Peters, Jennifer Strimbeck, Dan LeClair, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Brian Bohannon and Eric Stanley. **Absent:** Nick Mosher, Betty Tatro and Winston Wright.

Administration Present: L. Witte, Superintendent, C. Woods, Director of Student Services and J. Morin, Business Administrator.

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Also Present: L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary

"We collaborate not just to teach, but also to engage and educate every student in our district in an environment that is challenging, caring and safe, while fostering life-long learning."

1. MOTION to enter into NON-PUBLIC SESSION under RSA 91-A:3,II (c): Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.

2. CALL TO ORDER: S. Peters called the meeting to order. L. Witte asked for a moment of silence for Cathy Vaine, a staff member at the MRMHS who recently passed away.

3. NON-PUBLIC SESSION under RSA 91-A:3, II:

a. Return to Public Session: MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** to SEAL the 6:30 PM May 3, 2022 Non-Public Meeting Minutes until May 3, 2032. **SECOND:** L. Steadman. **VOTE:** 10.565/0/0/2.435. **Motion passes.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no Public Comments.

5. #celebrate MRSD:

a. Drummond and Woodsum sent a gift basket to the Board in congratulation for the Superintendent of the Year and the School Board of the Year. They said the acknowledgement is well deserved of a dedicated and caring group.

Congratulations to Lori Stephens, Principal at Emerson for being named Principal of the Year.

In recognition of Teacher (Staff) Appreciation Week the District will provide a luncheon to the employees.

6. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

a. April 19, 2022 Minutes: MOTION: C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve the April 19, 2022 School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** E. Stanley **VOTE:** 8.336/0/1.130/3.533. **Motion passes.**

b. Motion on the Manifest: MOTION: C. Toomey **MOVED** to approve the manifest in the amount of $ 2,046,872.70 as presented by the administration. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon **VOTE:** 10.565/0/0/2.435. **Motion passes.**

c. Budget Transfers: J. Morin presented 3 budget transfers to the Board. Budget transfer in the amount of $9000.00 requested by C. Czifrik from the Internet Security and Filtering line to the DW Replacement line. Budget transfer in the amount of $12,000.00 requested by L. Spencer from the Substitute Teacher line to Replacement Furniture and Equipment line. Budget transfer in the amount of $21,750.00 requested by L. Spencer and C. Czifrik from the Substitution Teacher line to the MRMHS Technology Equipment line. **MOTION:** C. Toomey **MOVED** to approve the 3 budget transfers as presented by the administration. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 10.565/0/0/2.435. **Motion passes.**

d. Review of RSA 91-A:2, III.a: S. Peters commented as COVID begins to wind down we are at a place where attendance is required. He would like those not in attendance to state the reason. Remote members can vote but are not part of the quorum. S. Peters also said it is very challenging to manage Zoom and the room also. To attend remotely you need to make a request. It was asked what if a member never shows up. S. Peters said we can do nothing.

e. School Board Committee Charter:

i. Extra-Curricular Committee: E. Stanley said the ECC kept the ECC Charter the same but did change the mission statement. E. Stanley did mention that a Club Fair was held. We should be getting the totals for the next ECC meeting. The committee would like to do this again in October. It went very well. **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** on behalf of the ECC to approve the updated ECC Charter as presented. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **VOTE:** 10.565/0/0/2.435. **Motion passes.**

ii. Education/Technology Committee: B. Bohannon explained the committee has not met and would like to suggest the committee become part of the Board again. S. Peters said this will be on the next agenda. E. Stanley mentioned that D. LeClair, E. Stanley and B. Bohannon are on the ECC and the Ed/Tech and would suggest combining the meetings. The ECC will be meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday and the Ed/Tech could meet after. B. Bohannon said we are struggling with attendance. He said there is good discussion but nothing out of the meeting. He would like to discuss it as a Board. Make it part of the Board.

f. School Board & Committee Goals:

i. Finance/Facilities Committee: MOTION: C. Toomey **MOVED** to accept the Finance/Facilities Committee Goals as presented. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **VOTE:** 10.565/0/0/2.435. **Motion passes.**

ii. Community Relations Committee: C. McDaniel-Thomas explained she was not sure where the current goals are on the website. She is not sure if the committee needs to update. She will email S. Peters to remind him to let her know where they are.

iii. Extra-Curricular Committee: The ECC already did the mission.

iv. Policy Committee: The Policy Committee will have their goals on the next agenda.

v. Education/Technology Committee: Ed/ Tech has not met yet.

vi. School Board: S. Peters mentioned that the District has a bond and contracts that the Board hopes to get passed at the poles. We have not suggested an education goal for this year. He would like to ask for guidance from J. Rathbun. It was asked what is the definition of academic progress for each student and what do we consider a win. S. Peters would like the administration to define academic progress. B. Bohannon asked what we are doing with the information from the tracking data. It was explained that we have taken action on the reports. C. Toomey asked if the teachers were taking the voting signs to the poles. L. Steadman said she saw teachers at the poles. C. Toomey asked if they were around town. S. Peters said we cannot make a Bargaining Unit support and hand out signs. C. Toomey would like to see support from the Unions for the contract and the building project. C. McDaniel-Thomas mentioned the need for an ad hoc committee for the building project. E. Stanley said we need to get new people to vote. D. LeClair suggested ways to get people out to vote. K. Noonan suggested getting the elementary parents to vote.

vii. Superintendent: S. Peters explained the Board has not put together the Superintendent's Goals. They will be worked on around the Board goals but not now.

7. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

a. Budget Committee Meetings: S. Peters explained the Budget Committee canceled their last meeting due to lack of quorum. The Board will be meeting with the Budget Committee at a joint meeting on May 24, 2022 and then another joint meeting in Nov. We will discuss information on the MESSA contract, what we can and cannot discuss. We will use a whiteboard format. We will also discuss the Elementary CIP and the MRMHS CIP.

b. Basketball Court Update: J. Morin explained the contractor has not broken ground until Dig Safe has come out first. The contractor is requesting Dig Safe.

c. Education Report: Trimester 2/Quarter 3: L. Witte explained she is not comfortable presenting the report information. She would prefer J. Rathbun explain at the next meeting. The information passed out is the standards in each grade level which the students will be assessed on. It is suggested to review the information and email any questions to J. Rathbun before the next meeting.

L. Steadman would like to meet in a non-meeting to discuss counsel for negotiations.

L. Steadman mentioned the call for resolutions for the NHSBA is until July.

8. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- **a. Policy Committee Goals**
- **b. Overview of passed resolutions**
- **c. Trimester 2/Quarter 1 Report**
- **d. Ed/Tech Part of the Board discussion**

9. Public Comments: There are no public comments.

10. ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION under RSA 91-A:3-II (b)

a. 8:26 PM Nominations: MOTION: C. Toomey **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3-11(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. **SECOND:** L. Steadman **VOTE:** 10.565/0/0/2.435. **Motion passes.**

11. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: L.Steadman **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** 10.565/0/0/2.435 **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary

VOTING KEY: Yes/No/Abstain/Absent