

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting, Swanzey, NH

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

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

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. CALL TO ORDER & PUBLIC COMMENTS: S. Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. S.Peters would like to acknowledge and thank the Budget Committee for changing their meeting date to allow the Board to meet tonight.

2. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

a. Suicide Prevention: The Board had received a draft of the MRSD Suicide Prevention Plan. J. Rathbun explained the plan contains the components in the policies required. The committee worked with the American Suicide Prevention. The mental health workers in the district worked on this to fit with our district. The hope is to approve the plan and put things that the plan calls for in place. **MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to approve the Suicide Prevention Plan as presented. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **DISCUSSION:** K. Noonan commented on a well done plan. J. Rathbun will pass the comments to mental health people. **VOTE:** 9.759/0/0/3.241. **Motion passes.**

b. Data Governance Plan: L. Witte explained this is part of the federal guidelines. There are slight changes. The Board reviewed the changes. **MOTION:** C. Toomey **MOVED** to approve the Data Governance Plan as presented. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **DISCUSSION:** N. Mosher asked if there was a time frame on the destruction of employee information. L. Witte explained there is and it would depend on the staff member. **VOTE:** 10.757/0/0/2.243. **Motion passes.**

c. June 2, 2020 Minutes: **MOTION:** W.Wright **MOVED** to approve the June 2, 2020 Public and Non-Public School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 8.885/0/1.872/2.243. **Motion passes.**

d. Final End of Year Encumbrances: J. Morin explained there are no additional encumbrances to come forward. S. Peters explained E. Stanley had asked to look at the RSA. J. Morin explained there has to be a contract or quote. Legally and enforceable obligation is the wording.

e. **Approval of the Manifest: MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the June 10, 2020 and the June 17, 2020 Manifest in the amount of \$2,850,375.59. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 10/0/.757/2.243. **Motion passes.**

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

a. **Policies for 1st Read:**

i. **BEDD/BEDDA:**

ii. **EFA:**

iii. **GBAA/GBAA-R:**

iv. **IMBD:**

v. **JBAA/JBAA-R:** The Board did not have any questions on the policies for a first read.

b. **Board Goals Review:** S. Peters would like to make sure the Board is making each other accountable in the committees. We have limited meetings in the summer. He reviewed the goals that are coming up. Finance/Facilities has a goal coming up in August. B. Tatro said after the July meeting she will know if they are ready. J. Morin explained the August Meeting will not work. B. Tatro said it is not manageable. S. Peters said to push it to September or have an additional committee meeting. B. Tatro said she will know what the plan is after the July 14, 2020 meeting. S. Peters will have the Board Goals on the agenda for each meeting.

i. **Education:**

ii. **Capital Improvement:**

iii. **Communications:** C. McDaniel-Thomas said the CRC will be ready for the September meeting. J. Morin mentioned in the past the Board had not spent funds for advertising so there is no history. C. McDaniel-Thomas feels that there is \$10,000.00 but not sure what it is spent on. B. Bohannon commented if there are funds needed to move the project we can help.

iv. **Policy:**

v. **Negotiations:** L. Steadman explained there is no need for a non-meeting tonight. There is an update on the timelines and the meetings should start in the next few weeks.

c. **Operations/Superintendent's Report:**

i. **Update on Plans to Reopen:** L. Witte reported on the School Reopening Priority Team. There are 27 members from across the District. Each member must communicate with their colleagues and constituents. There are 3 committees and subcommittees. The committees will meet and then the entire group will meet. The committee will put out another survey. B. Tatro asked if the district tracked down the 20 families that did not come to school. J. Rathbun explained we knew where everyone was and is. N. Mosher commented on the 4 models for reopening. He said to have a time table for parents and the community. It was asked about a mandatory immunization if available. L. Witte said it would take a year to mandate an immunization. M. Connor asked if the District can require testing. L. Witte said there would be a legal challenge. N. Mosher asked what if a child is sick with any symptom. L. Steadman asked what if a parent does not want their child to go to school. L. Witte said the student would be truant if not homeschooled. We need more guidance from the State.

ii. **Overview of Summer Programs:** J. Rathbun explained Beyond the Bell. It is an at home camp with activities and purchased supplies for the kids. The students have the

supplies and there are Zoom activities throughout the day. The numbers are higher than the on campus numbers. For Title One there are 65 kids and it is one to one tutoring by a certified teacher on Zoom. ESY is up and running. The students will receive 7 weeks of ESY. There are 5-10 students per subject for Credit Recovery. All of the programs are remote.

iii. Update on Special Education Services: C. Woods explained ESY started yesterday and will run for 7 weeks. It is twice as long as in years past. There are a good number of kids. Virtual looks like one to one tutoring. C. Woods explained that Crotchet Mtn. School is closing their campus. We have 6 students actively seeking other placements. S. Peters thanked C. Woods for her update.

4. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- a. Individual Auditor Approval**
- b. Tuition Rate**
- c. Instructional Plan**
- d. Update on Food Service**

5. Public Comments: Daniel Sepulveda would like to know where to find an overview of this meeting. S. Peters directed D. Sepulveda to the website.

6. 8:05 PM MOTION TO ENTER NON-PUBLIC SESSION: MOTION: B.Tatro **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **VOTE:** 10.757/0/0/2.243. **Motion passes.**

7. Return to Public Session: MOTION: K. Wheeler **MOVED** to seal the June 23, 2020, 8:05 Non-Public Meeting Minutes until July 7, 2020. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 10.757/0/0/2.243. **Motion passes.**

8. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** 10.757/0/0/2.243. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary

VOTING KEY: Yes/No/Abstain/Absent