

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2019
Veterans Hall, Richmond, NH

Members Present: Winston Wright, Kristen Noonan, Nicholas Mosher, Scott Peters, Colleen Toomey, Rob Colbert, Brian Bohannon, Lisa Steadman, Neil Moriarty, Eric Stanley. **Absent:** Betty Tatro, Karen Wheeler and Unassigned seat for Swanzey.

Administration Present: L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Rathbun, Director of Curriculum and Assessment and J. Swanson, 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:** L. Steadman opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.
2. **6:30 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** R. Colbert **MOVED** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II (c) Matter 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:** N. Mosher **VOTE:** 8.879/0/0/3.000 **Motion passes.**
3. **Public Session: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to seal the student portion of the June 4, 2019 6:30 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes until the student reaches the age of 26. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **VOTE:** 8.879/0/0/3.000. **Motion passes.**
4. **6:40 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. **SECOND:** K. Noonan **VOTE:** 8.879/0/0/3.000. **Motion passes. E. Stanley arrives.**
5. **6:43 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Compensation of any public employee. **SECOND:** K. Noonan **VOTE:** 10/0/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) **#Let’s CelebrateMRSD:**

i. It was commented that the Band BBQ went very well. The celebration combined the Band and the athletes. Combining this event has changed the culture of the school.

ii. E. Stanley reported Ryan Harry won the 400 Track State Championship. **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to award R. Harry up to \$75.00 for State Championship swag. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 10/0/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

iii. Some Board Members attended the Adult Diploma Ceremony. It was short and sweet. It was well attended.

iv. K. Noonan reported on the K-3 Spring Concert and the amount of paraprofessionals who helped and did not get paid.

7. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

a) **Authorize the Business Office to Sign Checks:** **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to allow R. Colbert, N. Moriarty, E. Stanley and L. Steadman to sign the manifest on behalf of the entire Board over the summer. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **VOTE:** 10/0/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

b) **Encumber Unallocated Fund Balance:** L. Steadman asked if we should allow the Finance Committee to vote on the encumbered items. W. Wright feels the encumbered items should go before the full Board for approval. K. Noonan would like to use some of the encumbered funds for a new playground at Emerson. The PTO has been trying to raise the funds. The current playground is in need of repair. She has received 2 different quotes. The amount is for \$39,000.00 and does not include the material under the structure. **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to use \$40,000.00 from the encumbered funds for a playground at Emerson. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **DISCUSSION:** E. Stanley explained the playground at MTC was \$100,000.00. K. Noonan explained the quote includes installation. J. Swanson said the encumbered items approved by the Board earlier have not been subtracted. R. Colbert asked if there were 3 bids. N. Mosher said to have 3 bids and we can encumber the funds. J. Swanson explained there is money in the budget for the materials under the structure. **VOTE:** 10/0/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

A discussion was mentioned about the unpaid lunches by the students. J. Swanson explained there is a line in the budget for the unpaid lunches.

It was reported the schools have identified what they want for the preschool playgrounds.

MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** to encumber up to \$6000.00 to expand the stipend account to assist the Band Program. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **DISCUSSION:** J. Swanson explained you can not encumber salaries. **There is no motion.** E. Stanley suggested encumbering funds for jackets, athletics and trips. J. Swanson said if you knew the cost it would be possible.

c) **Authorize the Superintendent to Accept Resignations and Hire Certified Staff through 9/2/19: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to authorize the Superintendent to accept resignations and hire certified staff through 9/2/19. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 8.925/1.075/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

8. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

a) Board Chair Report:

i. **June 18th Meeting-Proposed Cancellation:** L. Steadman discussed with the Board about canceling the June 18th meeting because the administration will not be in attendance. N. Mosher commented he would like to have 2 meetings in June because the Board only has 1 meeting in July and August. L. Steadman said we will leave the meeting as scheduled.

ii. **Scholastic Awards Night 6/5, Graduation 6/8:** K. Wheeler and E. Stanley will be attending the Scholastic Award Night. The Board Members attending the High School graduation on Saturday will meet at 9:45 AM by the trophy case.

L. Witte will be appearing on WMUR Thursday at 8:00 PM during an hour long special on bullying.

b) Operations/Superintendent's Report:

i. **Articulation Agreement with Keene State College:** A copy of the Articulation Agreement with KSC was included in the Board packet. L. Witte credits R. Malay for working on this agreement. There are opportunities for our kids at KSC and River Valley.

ii. **Legislative Update:** L. Witte updated the Board on the School Funding. Currently there is no update on the Law Suit. L. Witte encouraged Board Members to contact the Governor to voice their concerns about the Learn Everywhere. It takes away your authority.

c) Educational Report:

i. **PSAT/SAT Results:** The PSAT/SAT results were put in the Board packets. J. Rathbun explained the results were really late. The 9th and 10th grade students take the tests which gives us really good data. Ninety percent of the 11th graders participated in the SAT testing. The SAT results were higher than last year. They are in line with the State and ahead the nation. Math had improvements. There were mostly positive results. L. Witte commented SAT results are optional at UNH. J. Rathbun explained the AP scores will be discussed at the August Meeting. At the July meeting he will have data on the 3-8 grade NH State Testing.

ii. **Elementary Specials:** J. Rathbun explained what is happening to the specials at the elementary schools because of the reconfiguration. He said Art, PE and Music personnel are shared at Cutler and MTC. Gilsum, Troy and Emerson share other personnel. R. Skrocki teaches Band at Cutler. Emerson, Troy and Gilsum have made a schedule that works for

all. J. Rathbun explained where the teachers will be and when. They are still working on a schedule for Cutler and MTC. It is not totally figured out yet. He would like to applaud the principals and the staff for their creativity. S. Peters explained we made cuts years ago in the specials and guidance.

d) Facilities/Finance:

i. Warren Street Architects Feasibility Study Update: R. Colbert reported the meeting was well attended by the Budget Committee as well as the Board. K. Barker answered many questions very clear and factual. He will not be doing the architectural drawings. K. Barker did a great job. K. Noonan mentioned K. Barker suggested that the Board let the public know what is happening.

e) Other:

i. SRO/SSO Comparison and Salaries: This information is in the Board packets. N. Moriarty and N. Mosher would like to have more information from the State Police and the Sheriff's Dept. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to ask the State Police and the Sheriff's Dept. if they would be interested in working with the District. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **DISCUSSION:** E. Stanley said it did not seem like the Sheriff was interested. L. Steadman commented we will send the template to the State Police and the Sheriff's Dept. **VOTE:** 9.002/.998/0/1.878. **Motion passes.** L. Witte explained this will not work out for this year. It would be before July 2020.

ii. Athletic Director Salaries: This information is in the Board packets and is for information only.

iii. Mileage Reimbursement Form: The form is in the Board packets.

iv. Letter from the Governor: This letter is in the packet.

v. Swanzey Board Seat Vacancy Update: E. Stanley reported the Swanzey Members will hold a meeting on Thursday from 6-8 PM at the SAU.

vi. Budget Committee Report: B. Bohannon reported the Budget Committee asked if the District can wait to change the software. J. Swanson said all of the information is on the new system. The company has been doing the merger. We will still have all of the information. N. Moriarty said doing it in mid-year is best. R. Colbert said the Budget Committee will want the information prior to January 2020.

vii. Superintendent Evaluation Status: It was reported the Superintendent's evaluation will be reviewed at the July Board Meeting which is scheduled for July 9, 2019. The August Meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2019.

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. May 21, 2019 School Board Public Meeting Minutes and Non-Public under c and May 21, 2019 Non-Public under b: **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to approve the Public Meeting Minutes as amended, the May 21, 2019 Board Non-Public under c as presented and the May 21, 2019 Board Non-Public under b as presented. **SECOND:** S. Peters **VOTE:** 9.787/.213/0/1.878 **Motion passes.**

b. May 21, 2019 Sealed Non-Public Meeting Minutes: MOTION: R. Colbert **MOVED** to continue to seal the May 21, 2019 10:40 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes until the next Board Meeting. **SECOND:** N. Moriarty. **VOTE:** 8.925/1.075/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

c. Manifest: MOTION: E. Stanley **MOVED** to approve the manifest in the amount of \$2,231,752.65. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **VOTE:** **Motion passes.**

10. Setting Next Agenda:

- 1. Grades 3-8 Assessment results-July Meeting**
- 2. Superintendent Evaluation-July**
- 3. Revisit CRC Charter**
- 4. Revisit Board Goals**
- 5. Legislative Updates**
- 6. Student Update-Education Report**
- 7. Funding-Lawsuit**

11. Public Comments: Marie Szymcik explained the 6th graders will be in study groups doing Ferry Beach presentations at the MS/HS from 10:45 AM-11:30 AM. Everyone is welcome.

12. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **VOTE:** 10/0/0/1.878hr4333. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary