

**Monadnock Regional School District
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023
MRMHS/Zoom, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Dan Coffman, Adam Hopkins, Scott Peters, School Board Rep., Ed Sheldon, Wayne Lechliger, Nancy Carney, Jon Hoden, Anne Marie Osheyack and Richard HKS Thackston. **Absent:** Phyllis Peterson, Doug Bersaw, Robert Audette, Unassigned seat for Gilsun and Unassigned seat for Roxbury.

Also Present: L. Witte, Superintendent, via Zoom, J. Morin, Business Administrator and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

1. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. **January 24, 2023 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes: MOTiON:** R. HKS Thackston **MOVED** to approve the January 24, 2023 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** J. Hoden **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present.. **Motion passes.**
 - b. **February 4, 2023 Deliberative Session Meeting Minutes: MOTiON:** R. HKS Thackston **MOVED** to approve the February 4, 2023 Deliberative Session Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** J. Hoden **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
3. **Administration Report:**
 - a. **Transfer/expense:** J. Morin had sent out the transfers to the members and asked if there were any questions. She explained the transfer for the PR Firm was due to a number of different items they had done.
 - b. **Budget Tracking Report:** There were no questions for J. Morin regarding the Tracking Report.
 - c. **Monthly Financial Report:** There were no questions on the Financial Report which J. Morin provided to the members.
 - d. **Staffing**
 - i. **Vacancy Update:** The Budget Committee Members reviewed the Vacancy Report which was provided by L. Witte. J. Hoden commented that there were 16 current vacancies and it was great so many of the full-time positions had been filled since the beginning of the year. L. Witte commented that there are some people in the pipeline to possibly fill some of the vacancies that remain. She is hopeful and optimistic. If a current position moves to a vacancy it goes on this report. J. Hoden asked how many retirements

there are for this year. L. Witte explained there were a few retirements approved at the last Board Meeting. She is not sure of the total number. J. Hoden asked based on the retirements coming up could the Board get ahead of them. He saw the Woodworking/Tech position advertised. L. Witte explained that they have posted the vacancies for next year. She commented that technically we do not have a budget for next year until the March vote. The positions are anticipated positions. J. Hoden commented that the Woodworking Tech position is a specialized position and needs to be filled. It is a very busy class.

4. Other Business: W. Lechluder suggested the Budget Committee put together a letter to the Keene Sentinel to show this Committee's support for Article One the Bond. We need to let the taxpayers know what the savings would be and why the buildings need an overhaul.

MOTION: W. Lechluder **MOVED** to ask the Budget Committee Chair to write a letter to the Keene Sentinel showing the unanimous support of the Budget Committee for the Elementary School Renovation Project and Article One/Bond. **SECOND:** D. Coffman **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** S. Peters will contact the Keene Sentinel. L. Witte was on the radio with Dan Mitchell and Chris Cotes discussing the Elementary School Renovation Project.

4. Superintendent's Comments: There are no Superintendent comments.

5. School Board Liaison Comments: S. Peters explained that at the next upcoming Board Meeting the Board will have a presentation on the Winter Testing.

6. Chairperson Comments:

i. **Voting Tuesday March 14, 2023:**

ii. **March 28 (New BudCom Organizational Meeting):** A. Hopkins explained the seats open for the upcoming election. There is still an open seat in Roxbury and Gilsum.

7. Next Meeting Agenda:

i. **New Member Introduction**

ii. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

iii. **Voting Results**

iv. **Bond Next Steps**

8. Motion to adjourn: **MOTION:** R. HKS Thackston **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:22PM. **SECOND:** J. Hoden **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis

Recording Secretary