

**Monadnock Regional School District
Budget Committee Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022
MRMHS Library/Zoom, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Wayne Lechluder, Dan Coffman, Adam Hopkins, Ed Sheldon, Wendy Martel, Doug Bersaw, John Hoden, Richard HKS Thackston and Meghan Foley,. **Absent:** Scott Peters School Board Rep., Wayne LaCoste, Phyllis Peterson and Open Seat for Roxbury and Open Seat for Gilsum.

Board Members Present: C. Toomey, L. Steadman via Zoom, W. Wright via Zoom, K. Noonan via Zoom, E. Stanley via Zoom, M. Connor via Zoom

Administration Present: L. Witte, Superintendent via Zoom, J. Rathbun, Assistant Superintendent, C. Woods, Director of Student Services and J. Morin, Business Administration.

Also Present: L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

1. A. Hopkins opened the Budget Hearing at 7:00 PM. A. Hopkins explained he will read the Warrant Article and give the public an opportunity to discuss the article. Each member of the public will have 3 minutes to discuss. After the discussion of the articles has been completed A. Hopkins will close the Budget Hearing and the Budget Committee will conduct their business meeting. At that time the Budget Committee will vote to support or not support each article.

Article One: Operating Budget: A. Hopkins read Article One. The administration has proposed an Operating Budget in the amount of \$33,326,507. The Budget Committee will fill in their proposed budget number and their proposed default budget number after the Budget Hearing. A. Hopkins asked if there was any discussion on Article One. There was no discussion on Article One.

Article Two: Renovation to MRMSHS: A. Hopkin read Article Two in the amount of \$1,193,000 for renovations to the MRMHS. A. Hopkins asked if there was any discussion on Article Two. There was no discussion on Article Two.

Article Three: MDEA Contract: A. Hopkins read Article Three the MDEA 3 year contract. A. Hopkins asked if there was any discussion on Article Three. L. Steadman of Troy and a member of the School Board explained the School Board has provided the information D. Coffman had asked for. The information had been sent an hour and a half prior to this meeting. D. Coffman had not had time to review. L. Steadman said they could not get it to the Budget Committee any sooner. She also commented that this is a reasonable and fair contract for all parties. The District came away with something and she hopes it passes.

Article Four: To discontinue the MRSD Health and Dental Expendable Trust Fund: A. Hopkins read Article Four to discontinue the MRSD Health and Dental Expendable Trust. A. Hopkins asked if there was any discussion on Article Four. J. Morin explained we cannot put an amount in there at this time because there will be additional interest. The last amount given to the district by the Trustees of the Trust Funds was \$63,347.

Article Five: To raise and appropriate \$63,347 to be added to the School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust: A. Hopkins read Article Five: To raise and appropriate \$63,347 to be added to the School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust. A. Hopkins asked if there was any discussion on Article Five. There was no discussion on Article Five.

Article Six: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust. A. Hopkins read Article Six: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust. A. Hopkins asked if there was any discussion on Article Six. There was no discussion on Article Six.

Article Seven: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Before and After School Program. A. Hopkins read Article Seven: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Before and After School Program. A. Hopkins asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion on Article Seven.

Article Eight: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the District Vehicle Expendable Trust: A. Hopkins read Article Eight: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the District Vehicle Expendable Trust. A. Hopkins asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion on Article Eight.

Article Nine: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the School Grounds Expendable Trust Fund: A. Hopkins read Article Nine: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the School Grounds Expendable Trust Fund. A. Hopkins asked if there was any discussion on Article Nine. There was no discussion on Article Nine.

Article Ten: To receive and approve the reports of the agents, auditors, committees, and officers chosen as printed and distributed in the Annual Report? A. Hopkins read Article Ten: To receive and approve the reports of the agents, auditors, committees, and officers chosen as printed and distributed in the Annual Report? A. Hopkins asked if there was any discussion on Article Ten. There was no discussion on Article Ten.

2. A. Hopkins closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary**