

**Monadnock Regional School District
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2018
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Wayne Lechluder, Douglas Bersaw, Jillian Exel, Dan Coffman, Colleen Toomey, Adam Hopkins, Wayne LaCoste and Joanne Daris.

Absent: Tom Matson, Thomas Parker, Brian Bohannon, School Board Rep., Open Seat for Swanzey and Open Seat for Gilsum

Also Present: J. Swanson, Business Administrator and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

1. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

2. **Approval of the June 26, 2018 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes:**

MOTION: D. Bersaw **MOVED** to approve the June 26, 2018 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** D. Coffman. **VOTE:** 7-yes and W. LaCoste-abstain. **Motion passes.**

3. **Default Committee Members Appointment:** The following members were appointed to the Default Committee: D. Bersaw, A. Hopkins, W. Lechluder, W. LaCoste and J. Exel. D. Bersaw has been appointed Default Committee Chair. The committee would like to meet on October 23, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

a. **Changes related to the Default Budget RSA:** W. Lechluder explained there are two changes to the Default Budget. The first change is to eliminate salaries and benefits of positions that have been eliminated in the proposed budget. The other change is to present the Default Budget at the Public Hearing.

4. **Funding Formula Update:** D. Coffman updated the committee on the early start time presentation at KHS. There was a discussion not to start any school before 8:30 AM. This change will impact the CCC, extra-curricular activities and students who have jobs. Forty percent of Monadnock students participate in sports. D. Coffman would suggest spending funds on education instead of this issue.

D. Coffman spoke about the Funding formula. He said unless the formula proposal is 50%-50% or 100%-0% it will have to come from the Board. Any change will stay in effect for 5 years. A. Hopkins said he did attend some of the meetings and was not favor of any particular formula. W. LaCoste said the School Board needs to make a decision.

5. MTC Building Renovation Update: There is no update on MTC.

6. Collective Bargaining Update: The Budget Committee would like to receive the contracts by December 1, 2018.

7. School Board Liaison: B. Bohannon is not present.

8. Budget Committee Schedule: October 23, 2018, November 14, 2018 and December 19, 2018.

J. Swanson arrives.

9. Budget Oversight:

a. Monthly Expense Report: J. Swanson passed out the Monthly Expense Report to the committee. She explained the FY18 Audit is pretty close to being wrapped up. They did have a final day of field work on the FY17 Audit. It is not finalized yet. She does not believe there is anything missing. She believes there will be a 2-million-dollar surplus. J. Swanson explained some of the surplus is due to the fact there was no Business Administrator and the District was very conservative on spending. She explained the District has always been conservative with the revenues. There is 85.2% of the 2018-2019 budget remaining.

b. What major transfers have occurred since the last meeting? The Finance Committee approved two budget transfers which will be forwarded to the Board for approval. One transfer was from Math and World Language to Social Studies and the other transfer was from Troy and Emerson to the District account for a Reading Specialist.

c. What major transfers are anticipated for the next meeting? There are no transfers anticipated.

10. Budget Implications: W. Lechlinder suggested the Board reduce the budget by \$700,000.00 and he would support the contracts. J. Swanson explained at the last meeting the Board approved 4 para professionals. There are 2 at Troy and 2 at Emerson. She

informed the Budget Committee these positions will continue in the next budget. She also explained the Board is discussing an HR position for the proposed budget.

11. Any other items the committee wishes to discuss: D. Coffman asked about the discussion regarding the SSO/SRO. He commented the SSO is doing a great job. He also said there are people on the Board who want an SRO. J. Swanson explained the District has received grant funds for safety items. We will receive 80% of the funds from the State.

The Board and the Budget Committee will have their joint meeting on Nov. 17, 2018 at 8:00 AM.

Betty Tarto will be donating her stipend toward the Band Trip to the Outback Bowl. She challenged the rest of the Board Members.

12. Superintendent Comments: L. Witte is not present tonight.

13. Chairperson Comments: W. Lechliden did not have any further comments.

14. Adjourn the Meeting: MOTION: D. Coffman **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. **SECOND:** D. Bersaw. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary