

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 22, 2018**  
**Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

**Budget Committee Members Present:** Wayne Lechluder, Dan Coffman, Doug Bersaw, Adam Hopkins, Brian Bohannon, School Board rep, JoAnne Daris, Wayne LaCoste, Colleen Toomey, Tom Matson and Jillian Exel. **Absent:** Tom Parker

**Also present:** L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Swanson, Business Administrator and L. Aivaliotis Recording Secretary.

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

**2. Approval of the April 24, 2018 Budget Committee Minutes: MOTION:** A. Hopkins **MOVED** W. Lacoste **SECOND:** A. Hopkins **VOTE:** W. Lechluder-yes, D. Coffman-yes, D. Bersaw-yes, A. Hopkins-yes, B. Bohannon-abstain, J. Daris-yes, W. LaCoste-yes, C. Toomey-yes and J. Exel-yes. **Motion passes.**

**3. Budget Oversight:**

**a. MRSD Monthly Expense Report:** J. Swanson passed out the Monthly Expense Report to the committee. She explained the District is in good shape until the end of the year. Most items have been encumbered. The Out of District placements and transportation bills will be coming in. The report presented does not include the revenues. J. Swanson said Troy is over budget due to increase in special ed. aides and the fact the IDEA grant funds have not been transferred from the general fund in the individual schools until June. It should look better then.

**b. What major transfers occurred since the last meeting?** J. Swanson said there have been no major transfers requiring Board approval. She has done some correcting of journal entries.

**c. What major expenses are anticipated for next month?** There are no anticipated transfers.

**4. Items relating to Potential Additional Cost Increases for 2018:**

**a. Special Education:** W. Lechluder asked where we are with Special Education. L. Witte explained we have reconfigured a new approach to better utilize what the staff are trained to do. There was a cost savings when we reconfigured the positions.

L. Witte provided information to the committee on the Special Education process. She explained the process of having a special ed. student going to an out of district placement. The District now has 2 Special Education Coordinators. We are now in compliance with

the State due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Ed. Coordinator. Tuition Special Ed. Students will cost \$10,000.00 more than Regular Ed. students if they want to attend MRSD. The budget tuition for the Out of District placement is \$1,115,000.00. At this point we have not been billed for all of the Out of District tuition. We will be under budget. L. Witte explained she is on a committee to study Special Ed. and Charter Schools and we are in the ballpark for the Special Ed. costs in the schools. There are a total of 27 Out of District Students. There are 1670 students in the District. The funds in the Special Ed. Expendable Trust will not have to be used. The line in the budget for Special Education Transportation is right in line with what was budgeted. D. Coffman would like to have a Special Education update quarterly. Do we want to develop student services to be able to keep the students in District and possibly make money from sending Districts? J. Swanson said the DOE 2016-2017 states the district spent 8.1 million on Special Ed. that year.

**b. Contractual Obligations:** L. Witte explained the MDEA and the MESSA contracts will have to be negotiated for a possible March vote. Both Unions have sent a letter of intent. The committee will try to start discussions over the summer. W. Lechlinder would like to have the Negotiating Committees present something prior to December 1, 2018. L. Witte said that was the intent and effort last year. D. Bersaw explained the committee had given the Negotiating Committee a list of items to look at during negotiations. The committee will review the list and make changes if needed.

**c. Building Needs:** J. Swanson explained the Board did approve a structural assessment and an environmental assessment on the Troy School for a possible expansion in the future. The environmental assessment will cost \$4500.00 and the structural assessment will cost \$5500.00.

**5. Funding Formula Updates:** It was explained L. Witte, T. Matson and A. Hopkins have attended a few meetings regarding the funding formula. T. Matson said based on the data and other politics things there has been no concrete information. T. Matson would like to look at the weighted vote. He asked how it is fair that Troy has less than 1 vote. The members have done a lot of work. L. Witte explained the information being asked for by the Funding Formula Committee has come from the SAU office. A. Hopkins explained some members on that committee are discussing a few proposals.

**6. School Board Liaison Report:** B. Bohannon explained the Facilities and the Finance Committee has split. He also said the Board is looking for a Swanzey School Board Member. D. Coffman asked about the Homework Policy. L. Witte explained the Policy Committee had discussed it earlier tonight.

**7. Superintendent Report:** There is no report.

**8. Budget Committee Schedule:** The committee will meet on June 26, 2018 at Cutler, no meeting in July and no meeting in August.

**9. Any other item the committee wishes to discuss:**

**10. Chairperson Comments:** There is no Chair Report.

**11. Public Comments:** There were no Public Comments.

**12. Adjourn: MOTION:** T. Matson **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.  
**SECOND:** A. Hopkins **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
MRSD Recording Secretary