

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
Public Hearing
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2018 (Not Yet Approved)
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Wayne Lechluder, Dan Coffman, Doug Bersau, Adam Hopkins, Chris Fortson, Kristen Goodenough, Brian Bohannon, School Board rep, Wayne LaCoste and Tom Matson.

Absent: Tom Parker, Wendy Martel, Unassigned Roxbury rep., Unassigned Swanzey rep. and Unassigned Gilsum rep.

Also present: L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Rathbun, Director of Curriculum and Assessment and L. Aivaliotis Recording Secretary.

1. Public Hearing: W. Lechluder opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM. W. Lechluder explained he will read the article and then allow the public to comment. There is a 3-minute limit.

Article One is the proposed budget: A. Bailey said he is not able to comment on Article One because he does not have a copy of the budget.

Article Two is the renovations to MTC: There were no comments.

Article Three is for maintenance projects in the District: P. Bauries asked why MTC is in the maintenance article when there is a renovation article for MTC. D. LaPointe explained these are ongoing plans. We have the bathroom at MTC but it is not handicapped accessible. It needs a shower and a changing area for special ed. students and small children. There are no extra funds in the budget nor in the 1.4 Million. The original renovation number was 1.8. We changed things but did not take out anything.

Article Four is for the Special Ed. Expendable Trust in the amount of \$1.00: L. Witte explained the current account has \$350,000.00 in it. This is a place holder in case something happens. This amount can be changed at the Deliberative Session.

Article Five is for the Specialists 3-year contract: Chris Kline an employee but not a resident was given permission to speak. He would encourage the Budget Committee to support this agreement. He said the Specialists group is dedicated employees who enjoy working with the students. The School Board unanimously voted to support this fair contract. The Union did not get everything they asked for. He would ask the Budget Committee to support this contract.

Article Six is for the MDEA 1-year agreement: N. Tolman of Fitzwilliam is a teacher at Emerson and said the Budget Committee should support the contract because if it does not pass staff will be leaving. We will be losing a lot of talented people and those looking for a new job may not come here. P. Bauries commented on the decreases stated on the article which would be in the general budget if this does not pass. You are being deceived the total contract is more than \$316,010.00. She asked about the \$360,000.00 in the insurance pool and said it should have been settled in the contract.

Article Seven is for the 2 year MESSA Agreement: A. Alexander the president of the MESSA group explained there are 120 employees in this group and the contract is fair with modest salary increase. The agreement has the employees paying more for insurance. L. Fisk an employee at Cutler was part of the MESSA negotiating group and said the group work very hard on this fair contract. She would ask for the Budget committee's support.

Article Eight is a petitioned article for the formula: There were no comments.

Article Nine is to hear purely advisory opinions: There were no comments

Motion to close the Public Hearing: MOTION: D. Coffman **MOVED** to close the Public Hearing at 7:25 PM. **SECOND:** A. Hopkins. **VOTE:** 9.416/0/0/4.584. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
MRSD Recording Secretary