

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2017 (Corrected)
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Wayne Lechlida, Wendy Martel, Doug Bersaw, Chris Fortson, Kristen Goodenough and Tom Matson.

Absent: Unassigned Roxbury rep., Unassigned Swanzey rep., Unassigned Gilsum rep. Dan Coffman, Brian Bohannon- School Board rep., Wayne LaCoste, Adam Hopkins Tom Parker.

Also present: J. Fortson, Business Administrator and L. Aivaliotis Recording Secretary.

1. Public Comments: There were no Public Comments.

2. Approval of the September 26, 2017 Budget Committee Minutes: MOTION: D. Bersaw **MOVED** to accept the September 26, 2017 Budget Committee Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** T. Matson **VOTE:** 4.568/0/2.378/7.054. (quorum of the sitting members present) **Motion passes.**

3. Budget Oversight:

a. MRSD Monthly Expense Report: J. Fortson reported there is 83.84% of the budget remaining which is a little lower at this time last year. The salaries have not been encumbered.

b. What major transfers occurred since the last meeting? J. Fortson reported no major transfers have occurred since the last meeting.

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

4. Default Committee Members: W. Lechlida explained the committee met, they did not have a quorum. J. Fortson presented the documents needed. The committee has a general idea of the number but need to have the entire committee to make other decisions. The Default number will be set at the Public Hearing. The next meeting is on December 12, 2017 at 6:15 PM.

5. 2016-2017 Final Budget: J. Fortson explained the unassigned balance amount is \$1,557,088.00. She presented a list of the items which made up the fund balance amount. Some of the items were a savings in the Buildings and Grounds, fewer students going to the CCC, Special Education, Substitutes, excess revenues over projections, amount increased at the Deliberative Session, Carryover for Special Education Costs, savings in Health and Dental, savings in Teacher Longevity, savings on Food Service equipment, P&C, Life, ADD, WC, Unemp. Insurance and a savings in non wage, maintenance, H&D amounts left at year end.

6. 2018-2019 Budget vision: J. Fortson reported the GMR for this year is .4%. This number is partly based of the claims history which was good. W. Lechliden commented if we do not get railroaded at the Deliberative Session he will support a reasonable contract. His proposed budget number is \$30,500,000.00 and T. Matson's proposed number is \$29,900,000.00. J. Fortson reported the district will receive \$1100.00 per kindergarten student from Kenogarten for the 2018-2019 School year. At the joint meeting on Nov. 4 the administration will present their items in the proposed budget. J. Fortson would recommend the members study their budget books before the meeting.

7. School Board Liaison Report: W. Lechliden asked for an update on the NEASC visit. J. Fortson explained a summary was done by the visiting team but did not say a lot. They did say the buildings were wonderful. J. Fortson passed out the student test results to the committee. She explained this information will be explained at the Nov. 4 meeting. K. Goodenough and T. Matson are disappointed not knowing the individual school test results. W. Martel said it is particularly important to know that information. **MOTION:** K. Goodenough **MOVED** to request from the administration the breakdown of school by school performance. **SECOND:** D. Bersaw. **DISCUSSION:** T. Matson would like to add a friendly amendment and add the Special Education performance. J. Fortson explained it is individualized for the Special Ed. students. J. Fortson was asked how many Special Ed. students are not in need of an IEP anymore. Information on performance of Special Ed. students for the past 10 years. D. Bersaw did not agree to the friendly amendment. The information will be provided anyways. **VOTE:** 6.946/0/0/7.054. (quorum of sitting members present). **Motion passes.**

8. Superintendent Report: The committee would like to ask L. Witte for the dropout rate.

9. Budget Committee Schedule: The next meeting is on November 4, 2017.

10. Any other item the committee wishes to discuss: J. Fortson reported all three Unions are meeting regularly with the Negotiations Teams and are moving forward. The enrollment number as on October 1, 2017 is 3 more than last year at 1670. J. Fortson reported the District sends a list to the Select boards of the students from their towns for review.

11. Chairperson Comments: W. Lechliden commented he would like to receive the contracts for review on December 1, 2017.

12. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
MRSD Recording Secretary