

**Monadnock Regional School District
Community Relations Committee Meeting NOTES
October 11, 2021
SAU Conference Room/Zoom, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Betty Tatro, Scott Peters via Zoom and D. LeClair.

Also Present: L. Aivaliotis, MRSD Recording Secretary.

1. Input Session Slide Show: S. Peters presented the slideshow in which he has prepared for the Input Sessions. He will begin the night by introductions. He will go through the history of the process and use the information in the pamphlets. K. Barker will then explain the compliance issues, homeland security, life safety issues and the ADA issues for the particular school. We need K. Barker to tune our words on the screen in the discussion regarding the Life Safety code issues. S. Peters explained K. Barker has been reaching out to the fire chiefs in the individual towns and has been getting a mixed response. The Fire Marshall and the Fire Chief will be asked to inspect the schools as part of the State Building Aid application. This is a twofold. K. Barker has commented on the code issues of the third floor of Cutler. C. McDaniel-Thomas asked if the District has been using the third floor at Cutler illegally. K. Barker did say there was a level of concern. S. Peters said not sure it is illegal. C. McDaniel-Thomas commented the rooms need 2 means of egress. The top floor should not be used. S. Peters will continue the presentation and explain the backlog. He will explain that if the items are done all at once there will be a savings if not by doing the work over a number of years there will be an increase in cost. Over 10 years with a list in the amount of \$40,000,000.00 in projects and a warrant article for 1 million dollars a year we will never catch up. He did explain to the committee that the numbers to be presented will not be accurate until the Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting tomorrow. **D. LeClair arrives to the meeting.** S. Peters explained if a large crowd attends the Input Sessions it is okay with the format we have but with a small group we can have an informal conversation. S. Peters has placed 4 spots for pictures of new classrooms at MTC on the presentation. B.Tatro suggested showing an old classroom and the 3 new classrooms. S.Peters would ask for the committee members to take the pictures and

forward them to him. He is out of town this week. The next section in the presentation are the Funding Opportunities. This information is copy and pasted from the pamphlet. He provided charts on funding comparisons as well. If the District were to do the renovation project and the State would award Monadnock the State Aid a bond would be asked for and the bond payment each year would be about 1 million dollars a year and will come out of the budget. This amount would decrease over the years. It is important to let the taxpayers know there will still be work to be done at MRMHS and the SAU. To build a new SAU it would be \$800,000.00 and for ADA compliance issues at the MRMHS about 1 million dollars. It was mentioned to have the SAU at Cutler if Cutler moved to MTC. It is a possibility but too far away. It was suggested for the Town Hall in Swanzey to take Cutler and the SAU take the Town Hall. D. LeClair commented that he spoke to someone from the town and they are interested in that idea. S. Peters will explain to the audience the construction timeline and when the positions need to be hired for the project. The Board will ask for a Guaranteed Maximum Price which will include a 10% contingency. We will need a Construction Manager in 2022 and we will need to tentatively have a Project Manager. We will explain to the candidate if the bond passes we want you ready to go with the project. S. Peters would suggest if the crowd begins to discuss education we need to explain this is a building conversation.

C. McDaniel-Thomas explained the CRC will be meeting on October 19 for a dress rehearsal for the Input Session on October 20,2021. Gilfoil had said they would be able to attend that meeting. S. Peters said it is a great opportunity for them to see what we are doing and watch the rehearsal. They will be via Zoom. B. Tatro said she is not impressed with Gilfoil.

C. McDaniel-Thomas explained there was a mix up on the mailing of the postcards. She was not sure of what part of the process the SAU was supposed to do. Eventually they got mailed to the homes in the District.

The district will provide cookies and coffee as well as water for the Input Sessions. There will be enough for 75 people. It was asked if the principals know how to use the equipment. The committee will find that out if not S. Peters does know how to run some of the equipment. S. Peters will prepare a one sided or two sided paper to hand out at the Input Sessions. The copies could be run at the SAU. B. Tatro volunteered to run the

copies. S. Peters said it would be appropriate for the School Board representative from the individual towns to hand out the information and be the greeter. There are extra postcards and the committee will ask W. Wright to pin them up at the individual schools and town halls.

3. Setting the next meeting's date, time and agenda: The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the Auditorium

4. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary**