

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MONADNOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT FOR 2013-2014**

Board Members: Barry Faulkner, Ed Jacod, Mike Blair, Eric Stanley, Pat Bauries, Winston Wright, Phyllis Peterson, Richard Thackston and James Carnie.

Budget Committee Members: Paula Miller, Beth Smith, Tom Parker, Wayne Lechluder and Bonnie Black.

Administration: Superintendent Corriveau, Assistant Superintendent Craig and Business Manager, J. Fortson.

Also present: Moderator Hutwelker and Assistant Moderator Keith Thibeault

Moderator Hutwelker opened the meeting at 3:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. He explained each speaker will have 2 minutes to speak on a warrant. The warrant will be read, moved, seconded and discussed. The body cannot remove the article from the ballot but can amend the article. The Moderator sets the laws. He does not follow Roberts Rules. He will read the article and the School Board will move and second it. He will ask Skip to move to restrict reconsideration on the articles after they are voted on. Moderator Hutwelker informed the body that Superintendent Corriveau is not a voter of the district but will be able to speak as superintendent.

L. Corriveau introduced himself to the audience. He thanked everyone for being here. We are here to provide quality education to the District and we support the teachers and the administration. He thanked the Board and the Budget Committee for their leadership and the fact that they have both agreed on the budget being presented today. He also thanked R. Thackston for serving as Board Chair. He will not be running for the position again. He thanked Michelle Cloutier, the town clerks, Linda Reinhart and the maintenance dept. for preparing the meeting today.

The School Board, Budget Committee, Principals and SAU administrators were introduced.

Moderator Hutwelker read the ballot.

Ballot Version February 9th, 2013

To the inhabitants of the Cooperative School District in the Towns of Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey and Troy qualified to vote in the District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the **Monadnock Regional Middle/High School on Saturday, the 9th day of February, 2013 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon** for the purpose of hearing an explanation of the following subjects and to carry on any discussion or debate with respect thereto, with said subjects to be open to amendment:

NOTICE: School District Officers will be elected at the second session of the Annual Meeting of the Monadnock Regional School District on March 12th, 2013 in accordance with the statutory election procedures adopted by a vote of the District on March 11, 1996. The School District Warrant for the election of School District Officials will be posted in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 40:13 in each of the District's member Towns.

The polls will be open to voters in their towns of residence on March 12th, as follows:

**Fitzwilliam – Town Hall, 11 am-7pm
Gilsum – Gilsum Elementary School, 1pm-7pm
Richmond-Veterans Hall, 11am-7pm
Roxbury-Meeting House, 6:30pm-mid-meeting
Swanzey-Christian Life Fellowship Church, 8am-7pm
Troy-Troy Elementary School, 10am-7pm**

Moderator Hutwelker read ARTICLE ONE: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate in the operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles, which will be voted on separately, totaling \$32,409,110, (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget will be \$33,530,148 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Monadnock Regional School District by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required). **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** Article One to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to close debate on Article One. **SECOND:** T. Parker. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes. VOTE on Article One:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes. MOTION:** Skip **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article One. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Moderator Hutwelker read ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,548,627.00 for renovations at the Monadnock Regional High School-Middle School. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the maintenance projects are complete or June 30, 2016 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required). **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** Article Two to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **DISCUSSION:** E. Stanley explained 56% of this amount will be returned back to the District by the State. This year is Year 5 of the renovations. This work is to prepare the labs in anticipation for the upgrades. If it does not pass we will have to wait and there will not be any reimbursement. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to close debate on Article Two. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes. VOTE on Article Two:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes. MOTION:** Skip **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Two. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Moderator Hutwelker read ARTICLE THREE: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the 2012 Before and After School Expendable Trust Fund created under Article #8 of the 2012-2013 Warrant. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** P. Bauries. **MOVED** Article Three to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to close debate on Article Three. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes. VOTE on Article Three:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes. MOTION:** Skip **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Three. **SECOND:** R. Thackston. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Moderator Hutwelker read ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the two-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School Board and the Monadnock Association of Principals and Supervisors for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels.

The agreement also includes provisions that require the District will provide up to \$14,400 towards the cost of the Principals/Supervisors health insurance costs except for three principals that will be grandfathered at their current cost. The District will also provide short term disability coverage to the Monadnock Association of Principals and Supervisors members.

The Monadnock Association of Principals and Supervisors members will receive a one percent increase in wages in each year of the contract. The Monadnock Association of Principals and Supervisors members will also receive 36 vacation days and 12 wellness days for the year and twelve paid holidays. The district will buy back a maximum 18 days of unused vacation and up to 12 unused wellness days as of June 30th of each year, these shall be paid at the current per diem rate. (Note: one principal will not be eligible for this benefit until the 2014-2015 year at which time his 3 year contract ends, additionally one member is not a full year employee and not eligible for the buyback of unused vacation time).

The estimated increase in the costs for wages, benefits and buy back of unused time under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase	
2013-2014	\$ 4,307	Wage increase
	\$ 11,799	Unused Wellness days bought back (3 eligible members not currently receiving this)
	\$ 25,607	Unused Vacation days bought back (5 eligible members)
	\$ 9,098	Wage-driven benefits (Social Security, NHRS, etc)
	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	Short term disability coverage
	\$ 52,811	Total
2014-2015	\$ 5,300	Wage increase
	\$ 4,632	Unused Wellness days bought back (for 1 newly eligible member)
	\$ 6,899	Unused Vacation days bought back (1 newly eligible member)
	\$ 3,671	Wage-driven benefits (Social Security, NHRS, etc)
	<u>\$ 14,400</u>	Health Insurance Benefit (1 newly eligible member)
	\$ 34,902	Total

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$52,811** for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not support this appropriation. (Majority vote required). **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** Article Four to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** W. Lechluder explained the Budget Committee discussed this and felt the principals are part of the administration and should not organize. The committee also had an issue with the 36 days of vacation the principals were asking for. D. Coffman urged the voters to vote against this article. He does not believe they should be in a Union. The Superintendent needs to negotiate with them. R. Thackston commented many of the members from the School Board share the feelings of the Budget Committee. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to close debate on Article Four. **SECOND:** M. Blair **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes. VOTE on Article Four:** Vote voice yes. **Motion passes. MOTION:** Skip **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Four. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Moderator Hutwelker read ARTICLE FIVE: To see if upon the withdrawal of the Town of Sullivan from the District, the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to amend the composition of the Monadnock Regional School Board to more accurately reflect the one-person/one-vote principle as follows:

Municipality	Population	Current Membership	Amended Membership
Fitzwilliam	2,396	2 (2.4540)	2 (2.2300)
Gilsum	813	1 (.8330)	1 (.7567)
Richmond	1,155	1 (1.1830)	1 (1.075)
Roxbury	229	1 (.2350)	1 (.2131)
Sullivan	677	1 (.693)	0 (0.000)
Swanzy	7,230	7 (7.4053)	6 (6.7290)
Troy	2,145	2 (2.1970)	2 (1.9963)

This amendment shall take effect with the Annual Meeting of the District in March of 2014. The total composition of the Board shall be 13. The Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** E. Jacod. **MOVED** Article Five to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** Bethany from Roxbury asked the numbers before this proposal. The Board explained it is on the article. R. Thackston explained if the number of members were the same for each town the voting percentage would be small and the towns have trouble filling the positions. **MOTION:** J. Fortson **MOVED** to close debate on Article Five. **SECOND:** Man from audience. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes. VOTE on Article Five:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Moderator Hutwelker announced he has received a request for a paper ballot for Article Seven.

Moderator Hutwelker read ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$200,000 to be placed in the 2009 School Building Capital Reserve Fund created under Article #8 of the 2009 Warrant, with such amount to be funded from the proceeds of the sale of the Sullivan School as a result of the withdrawal of the Town of Sullivan from the Monadnock Regional School District. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not support this appropriation. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** Article Six to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** W. Lechlinder commented the Budget Committee is not supporting the article because they are already using the amount to reduce the budget. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to close debate on Article Six. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.** **VOTE on Article Six:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** Skip **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Five and Article Six. **SECOND:** R. Thackston. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Moderator Hutwelker read ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to change the formula for apportionment of operational costs from 50% based on equalized valuation and 50% based on average daily membership to 25% based on equalized valuation and 75% based on average daily membership as of July 1st 2013 with no change being made in the present formula for apportioning capital expenses. RSAs 197:6, 195:13, 195:8. By petition. The School Board has taken no position on this article. The Budget Committee has taken no position on this article. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** Article Seven to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** J. Fortson **MOVED** to amend Article Seven to include the following at the end of the Article: “subject to NH Board of Education approval” **SECOND:** R. Thackston. **DISCUSSION on the amendment:** Carol from Fitzwilliam asked what is the purpose of the amendment. J. Fortson explained the NH Board of Education has to approve this article and they have asked for this addition. J. Carnie would urge the body to oppose the amendment. This article was not purposed by the School Board. It is a petitioned article. Moderator Hutwelker informed the body that a petitioned article can be changed. R. Thackston would oppose the amendment because without it, it is more likely to be legal. J. Carnie commented it is a statutory request. The article does not meet the requirement under the RSA. J. Fortson explained she made the motion to amend as a request from the State Board of Education. K. Cota asked if there would be an attorney present to answer any questions. There is not an attorney present. R. Thackston and J. Carnie agree there will be fewer problems without the amendment. Barbara of Roxbury read information she had given out on the pink sheet. She is in favor of Article Seven. **MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to close debate on the amendment. **SECOND:** Mr. Bittle. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.** **VOTE on amendment:** Voice vote no. **Motion fails.** **MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to close debate on Article Seven. **SECOND:** R. Thackston **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Moderator Hutwelker conducted the paper ballot vote. He will continue to discuss the other warrant articles while he waits for the results.

Moderator Hutwelker read ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,787.67 for the purpose of contracting the services of a School Resource Officer for the 2013-2014 school year. The School Board Supports this article. The Budget Committee Supports this article. By Petition. **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** Article Eight to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** M. Blair **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to close debate on Article Eight. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.** **VOTE on Article Eight:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** Skip **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Eight. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Moderator Hutwelker read ARTICLE NINE: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District receive and approve the reports of the agents, auditors, committees and officers chosen as printed and distributed in the Annual Report? (Majority vote required). **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** Article Nine to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** to close debate on Article Nine. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.** **VOTE on Article Nine:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** Skip **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Nine. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Moderator Hutwelker read ARTICLE TEN: To listen to opinions of a purely advisory nature with regards to the conduct of school affairs for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required). **MOTION:** R. Thackston **MOVED** Article Ten to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** R. Thackston

MOVED to close debate on Article Ten. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.** **VOTE on Article Ten:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** Skip **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Ten. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

VOTE on Article Seven: Ballot Vote: Yes-99 and No-9. Motion passes. **MOTION:** Man in audience **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Seven. **SECOND:** E. Jacod. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

By the Monadnock Regional School Board: Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of February, 2013,
Monadnock Regional School Board:

MOTION: M. Blair **MOVED** to recess the meeting until the vote on March 12, 2013. **SECOND:** R. Thackston.
VOTE: Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis

MRSD Recording Secretary