

**Monadnock Regional School District  
Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2023  
SAU Conference Room, Swanzey, NH**

**Board Members Present:** Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas and Betty Tatro **Absent:** Stephanie Lawlor

**Administration Present:** J. Morin, Business Administrator and T.Breen Dir.of Buildings and Grounds

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

**2. Approval of the September 12, 2023 Facilities/Finance Meeting Minutes:**

**MOTION:** C.McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve the September 12, 2023

Fin/Fac.Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**3. Elementary School Renovation Project:** J. Morin had a report from K. Barker.

The MTC drawings are 50% completed. They are going to go to Hutter for pricing.

Hutter completed the 700 and 800 wings, they were terrific. There were regular weekly meetings. There was great communication between Hutter and the administration. If

something happened they were upfront and also easy to work with. They completed the

work in just 77 days. T. Breen commented that all of the administration's concerns were

addressed right away. K. Barker and the administration had heard the concerns regarding

the softball field. It was thought to start the MTC project in March or April in order for it

to be done next August. With the current timeline that would mean that K-2 grades would

not have a playground. They would like to change the timeline and start breaking ground

in June, that would mean that there will be construction during the school year and the

projects would be done mid-year. J. Morin explained that it will not be necessary to

souffle kids. She said that this whole change in shift is to make it work for the kids. C.

McDaniel-Thomas mentioned a new law about playgrounds and new projects. They will

be using the softball field for one more year. T. Cote and L. Spencer have answered

emails from people who are not happy about moving the softball field. Not moving the

softball field will be communicated to the public.

**4. Business Administrator's Report:** J. Morin presented the Monthly Expense Report to the committee. The budget transfers that were approved at the last Board Meeting are not reflected in the report. They are looking at other lines in order to make a transfer to the District Account lines due to out of district expenses. MTC is tight but after the budget process and the preparation of the books she will dive more into that.

**5. Facilities Report:** T. Breen reported that this past weekend the roof units went in and the wiring will be finished this week.

**6. CIP Discussion: MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to change the inflation rate to 16% for construction for 2023/24 and summer 2024 and beyond from 4% to 10% based on the FRED Index. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** The committee asked about the auditorium. It was explained that the \$200,000.00 was not completely used. The riggings, ropes, harness and curtains were done. T.Breen commented that all of the lights were replaced with LED lighting. B. Tatro asked about the condition of the stage. T. Breen said it was completely replaced but had water damage. He was able to do a temporary fix. They are working on the cost to replace the stage lighting. It is not more than \$100,000.00. This could come out of the Trust. J. Morin would suggest the work for 2025 and then the approval from the Trustees. **Changes to the CIP:** J.Morin asked when is the right time for a new project. It will have a tax impact. T. Breen explained that there are a few areas over the locker rooms that the roof needs to be repaired. The locker rooms are at 2 separate levels and are 2 different roofs. The committee asked if there were any numbers for those roofs. T Breen will talk to Bob. J. Morin commented it may be a Repair and Maintenance Project warrant article. T. Breen commented that  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the cooling system is left. J. Morin mentioned that the district could see if the CARES Funds could be used. The CARES Funds end this Sept. C. McDaniel-Thomas asked if they are going to propose the roof or the tennis courts. J. Morin suggested pushing the tennis courts to 2025. T. Breen explained that he would pick the roofs over the tennis courts. Do the roofs first or just repair. J. Morin asked about a generator. T. Breen explained that the District does have a generator and it powers more than we thought. He will ask Hamlet Electric about a generator for the showers, lights, bathrooms and heat. A huge generator for the whole high school. Start replacing the roofs at MRMHS in 10 years, Septic working well 2039, cooling 2030 break into sections and

asked J. Morin to prioritize, Ventilation-2039, new generator 2026 (could get matching funds, could make it feasible, could be a Repair and Maintenance article, make MRMHS an emergency shelter and be awarded a grant.), MRMHS parking lot 2027 (could break up sections), lightning in the Library 2028 (potential grant funded) and SAU 2029.

**MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to make the committee changes as discussed.

**SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

7. **Non-Affiliated Employees:** The committee discussed comparing benefits and pay of other districts such as Winchester, Keene and Hinsdale for the SAU Staff, principals, Food Service, Van Drivers, IT staff, Beyond the Bell and more. J. Morin explained that some of the non-affiliated staff get some of the same benefits as the SAU staff. C. McDaniel-Thomas is not sure of the budget impact or when it is needed for the budget. J. Morin explained there is time but does not believe that the committee will find anything dramatic.

8. **Public Comments:** There are no public comments.

9. **Adjourn: MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM.  
**SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Laura L. Aivaliotis**  
**Recording Secretary**