

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024
Monadnock Regional Middle/High School, Swanzey, NH

School Board Members Present: Lisa Steadman, Betty Tatro, Kristen Noonan, Jeff Cesaitis, Hannah Blood, Brian Bohannon, Eric Stanley, Dan LeClair, Edmond LaPlante and Jennifer Strimbeck. **Absent:** Scott Peters, Gina Carraro and Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas.

Administration Present: J. Rathbun, Superintendent, Lisa Spencer, Assistant Superintendent and J. Morin, Business Administrator.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER at 7:00 PM: L.Steadman called the meeting to order.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Collin Snide, a parent of 3 in Troy had concerns regarding the timeline and safety issues for the renovations to the Troy School. He has spoken to other parents and they have the same concerns. He has experience in the construction business and gave suggestions. He said it may cost more to wait but he feels there are funds in the contingency fund. He would like the Board to ask Hutter for a quote and let the parents know.

3. #celebrate MRSD: J. Rathbun shared that the Girls Varsity Soccer Team just won their game. The Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team tied their game. The Superintendent's Club had 30 students in attendance along with their families. J. Rathbun explained the criteria in order to be in the Superintendent's Club. It was a great time.

4. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

a. Standing agenda: Student Government Report: There is no representative in attendance.

b. Standing agenda: Superintendent Goals Update:

i. Building Project Update: J. Rathbun updated the Board on the Emerson renovations. The project will be done in 3 phases. The outside work will begin in 6 days. The 2 additions will be the office and 2 classrooms. In the last phase the relocation of the students will be within the school. There will be mostly heating, new flooring and ceilings work which will be done over the summer. The basement will be mostly storage and there will be no children being taught in the basement.

c. Standing agenda: Board Meeting Calendar & Goals Update:

i. Finance/Facilities Goal Review: The Finance Committee would like to recommend to the Board to put funds into a few Expendable Trusts to be funded with surplus funds at the end of the year. The committee would suggest \$25,000 into the Vehicle Expendable Trust, \$1.00 in the Special Education Expendable Trust, \$200,000 into the Building and Grounds

Expendable Trust, and \$1.00 into the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust. The committee would also like to recommend a warrant article in the amount of up to \$120,000 to repair the roof over the boy's locker room and the connecting section of the roof. The committee also reviewed a few policies.

d. Standing Agenda: School Resource Officer (Status Update): J. Rathbun explained he does not have an update. L. Steadman commented that there are other agencies that have jurisdiction. It was commented that the Board should think out of the box.

e. Standing Agenda: Staff Update: J. Rathbun explained that the vacancies are status quo.

f. Unpaid Leave Process: J. Rathbun explained that there are people who are asking for unpaid leave after they have exhausted all of their avenues such as vacation time, personal time, holidays and sick time. He said those asking think it is no big deal but it is not good for the kids. There is FMLA that can be used and ADA accommodations can be used. He would like the Board to know of unprotected unpaid leave.

5. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

a. *Spanish Club: There is a teacher at the school who would like to start a Spanish Club. They will meet on Mondays at 2:30PM. The Club would possibly like to plan a trip abroad. **MOTION:** J. Cesaitis **MOVED** to approve the creation of a Spanish Club. **SECOND:** D. LeClair. **VOTE:** 10.668/0/0/2.332. **Motion passes.**

b. * Approve the Consent Agenda

i. October 1, 2024 Minutes

ii. Manifest: \$ 1,231,507.29 **MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to accept the October 1, 2024 Public, the Non-Public Meeting Minutes, approve the budget transfer from Kevin Stone to transfer \$59,900 from Troy Regular Instruction Salary and benefit lines to Troy PK Salary and benefit lines to cover the PK position for the PK Program restarted at Troy and to purchase necessary supplies, to approve the budget transfer from C. Woods to transfer \$14,000 from Special Ed. Van Drivers and benefit lines to Special Education Transportation lines to cover contracted services and to approve the manifest in the amount of \$3,557,949.73 as presented. **SECOND:** D. LeClair. **VOTE:** 10.668/0/0/2.332. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: B. Bohannon **MOVED** to reschedule the November 5, 2024 School Board Meeting to November 12, 2024. **SECOND:** D. LeClair. **VOTE:** 8.576/1.098/0/3.326. **Motion passes.**

6. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

a. Delegate Assembly

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

8. 7:29 PM Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in

public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.

MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. **SECOND:** H. Blood **VOTE:** 10.668/0/0/2.332. **Motion passes.**

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. **SECOND:** J. Cesaitis. **VOTE:** 10.668/0/0/2.332. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary

VOTING KEY:Yes/No/Abstain/Absent