

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2025 (corrected 4.15.2025)
Monadnock Regional Middle/High School, Swanzey, NH

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

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

3. #celebrate MRSD:

a. Scholar Athletes Invited to Scholar Athlete Ceremony in Concord: Sara Dafeldecker, Bailee Soucia, Shaylee Branon, Arianna Drouin, Cainen Avery, Andrew Hopkins and Gavin Lombara attended the Scholar Athlete Ceremony in Concord accompanied by Tom Cote. Congratulations to all of the Scholar Athletes!!! ***H. Blood arrives.***

The Board received a thank you note from the students for the Special Olympic swag.

4. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

a. SB297 & Healthtrust: L. Steadman explained the Healthtrust situation to the Board. She said that SB 297 has additional regulations in place. Change is hard and Healthtrust is resisting. C. McDaniel-Thomas commented that there is a lot of finger pointing. Healthtrust does not want to go out of business. L. Steadman said that the Healthtrust is in a good place. J. Rathbun commented that SB297 is still in the beginning stages. J. Morin will keep the Board posted with any updates. It was commented that it is not too often that the Secretary of State has an issue with Healthtrust. They are uncomfortable.

b. 2025/26 Budget Schedule: The Board received the budget schedule and reviewed it.

c. 2025/26 DRAFT School Board Calendar: The Board reviewed the School Board Calendar. Nov. 4, 2025 is in question if it is a voting day.

d. Committee Charters & Goals:

- i. Education-First meeting on April 2nd**
- ii. Finance Facilities-First meeting on April 9th**
- iii. Policy** The members will meet to discuss their next meeting.
- iv. Community Relations (CRC) First meeting on April 15th.**

L. Steadman and E. LaPlante have joined together to review and keep track of the legislative issues. They are following the views of the NHSBA. L. Steadman updated the Board regarding the DOE being absorbed. She explained that the other departments will take some of the responsibilities as well as some of the staff. E. LPlante said defunding the DOE will give the State control. It is a good idea to have State control. J. Rathbun commented that the State has not

proven that they care about public education. He hopes the State handles this issue to support public education. We will have to wait and see.

5. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION

a. Policies for 2nd read:

i. Policy DM-Cashin School Buildings- “To update DM to NHSBA

sample: J. Morin explained that the Auditors are satisfied with clearing out the vending machines weekly. The committee changed it to “at least weekly” **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve Policy DM with edits. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 9.584/0/1.118/2.298. **Motion passes.**

b. District Clerk Appointment: It was explained that every 3 years the SAU Board has to vote on a school district clerk. The Board will have to recess the Board Meeting and call the SAU Board Meeting to order and vote on a school district clerk. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to table the school district clerk vote until the next Board Meeting. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 10.702/0/0/2.298. **Motion passes.**

c. Voting Machines: K. Noonan explained that the voting machines are no longer allowable. The State will give the towns some of the funds to make the purchases. There are some towns in the district that already have the machines. They are not sure how many machines in each of the towns are needed. E. LaPlante said someone is suing the State about the machines. He asked what happens if that person wins, do we have to eat the cost of the machines. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to table the voting machine vote until the next Board Meeting. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** 10.702/0/0/2.298. **Motion passes.**

d. Approve Certified Staff Nominations: **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to table the approval of certified staff nominations until non-public session (b). **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** 10.702/0/0/2.298. **Motion passes.**

e. Approve the Agenda:

i. March 18, 2025 Minutes and Non-Public Minutes

ii. Manifest: \$ 1,620,953.27. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to accept the March 18, 2025 Public and Non-Public Meeting Minutes and to approve the manifest in the amount of \$1,620,953.27. **SECOND:** H. Blood **VOTE:** 10.702/0/0/2.298. **Motion passes.**

6. SETTING NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA:

a. i Ready Diagnostic

b. District Clerk

c. Voting Machines

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

8. 7:45 PM ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee: **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3

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9. 7:50 PM ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION (c) : MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under 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:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** 10.702/0/0/2.298. **Motion passes.**

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOTION: C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:57 PM. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** 10.702/0/0/2.298. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary

VOTING KEY:Yes/No/Abstain/Absent