

Monadnock Regional School District
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2025 (corrected 5.20.25)
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Budget Committee Members Present: Ed Sheldon, Wayne Lechliden, Sarah Burgess, Nancy Carney, Steven Sawyer, Anne Marie Osheyack, Robert Audette, Jon Hoden, and Jack Gettens.
Absent: Betty Tatro, liaison for the School Board, Doug Bersaw, Bruce Murphy and Unassigned from Roxbury and Fitzwilliam.

Also Present: J.Morin, Business Administrator.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** E. Sheldon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. E.Sheldon informed the committee that Virginia Doerpholz has resigned as a Budget Committee Member.
2. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
3. **Approval of the March 25, 2025 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** J. Hoden **MOVED** to approve the March 25, 2025 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** A.M.Osheyack **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
4. **Administration Reports:**
 - a. **Monthly Financial Report:** J. Morin sent the reports to the committee for review and any questions. She said that the district is in very good shape regarding the budget for the end of the year. She explained that she will be asking for the last requisitions on the first Friday in May. J. Morin explained that the district is over in Special Education which is due to contracted services. We did have a heavy hitter move out of the district in the amount of \$350,000. She mentioned that the Director of Student Services is leaving at the end of the school year.
 - b. **Transfers:** J.Morin explained that there was a transfer at the most recent Board Meeting. She said there was a transfer for a long-term substitute at Emerson from the healthcare line due to staffing changes.
 - c. **Staffing:** J.Morin said that the district is not tracking the vacancies for this year. People are leaving every week. She felt there were about 11 vacancies.
5. **Report Cadence:**
 - a. **Review and discussion of information we want to see and timings and Decision and direction for Administration:** E. Sheldon explained that the committee will work to lay out what reports and how often they would like them from the administration. E. Sheldon felt that the line by line detailed report may not be necessary. A report for under or over budget. A. M. Osheyack commented that the report may not be necessary every month. J.Morin explained that you do see that in the transfers each month. W.Lechlider commented that the committee has the budget and should not put this on J. Morin. The committee gets the line item and monthly reports. There are transfers and we should not lay this responsibility on J. Morin. J. Hoden said that is fair. W. Lechliden said the committee has the budget and the administration has to stay within those lines. N. Carney commented that the reports and transfers are presented and that is the information. J. Gettens would agree the detail is there but he has questions. He

would like a detailed report in excel. He said with the excel document he can redo it and share it with the committee. J. Gettens would like to see an annual revenue report. The committee discussed EFA and Charter Schools taking funding from the Public-School Systems. The committee would like a report on proficiency. A. M. Osheyack said the committee needs to look at other measures of achievement. J. Hoden asked why students opt out of the test. A.M. Osheyack said that the SAT is a measure but some colleges are not looking at the SAT scores. So the students do not care if they take it. B. Audette said we need to have information to discuss with taxpayers. E.Sheldon commented that we want to understand proficiency increases. To listen to the report from the administration. J. Hoden wants to know who is opting out. S.Sawyer commented that there are many reasons to opt out such as anxiety. W. Lechliden asked if anyone remembers paras in the 1970s. The committee came up with the following reports that they would like to request from the administration: 1. Monthly Expense Report, Transfers and Vacancy Summary. 2. Quarterly Full Detail Excel (questions to J. Morin prior to the meeting). 3. Annual Report on Revenue breakdown in the budget. 4. Quarterly Out of District Placement, placement site and amount of each student. 5. September, Trust Fund Report. 6. January, June, September Expenditure Report. A.M.Osheyack said to be mindful that people do not read what they get. Is it doable and feasible? The administration has a full-time job. J.Gettens asked when the administration and the Board will ask for recommendations on the contract and the budget. It was suggested in September. **MOTION: J.Hoden MOVED** to move forward with the structure of the reports from the administration as discussed tonight. **SECOND: A.M.Osheyack. VOTE: Unanimous** for those present. **Motion passes.**

6. **Superintendent Comments:** J.Rathbun is not present tonight.

7. **School Board Liaison Report:** B. Tatro is not present tonight.

8. **Chairperson's Comments:** E.Sheldon explained in June the committee will start the agenda around the Structure Reports.

9. **Next Meeting's Agenda: The next meeting is on May 20, 2025, Joint Meeting with the Board.**

10. **Public Comments:** The committee asked about the renovations to the schools. J. Morin gave an update on the 4 elementary schools which are being worked on, on time and on budget. She attends weekly meetings with K. Barker, J. Morin, T. Breen and Hutter. There are no concerns with the tariffs at this time. We are using American Steel and American products when we can. Everything is looking good. The softball field is being used and still needs a little more work. It was never intended to be in the final condition. Still within the contingency plan. The Troy School work should begin in June and there are weekly meetings at Gilsum. **A.M. Osheyack leaves the meeting.**

11. **Motion to adjourn: MOTION: W.Lechliden MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. **SECOND: J. Hoden. VOTE: Unanimous** for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis

MUSD Recording Secretary