

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 17, 2025**  
**Monadnock Regional Middle/High School, Swanzey, NH**

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

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

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER at 7:00 PM:** S. Peters called the meeting to order.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** L. Steadman informed the Board that her son Max is involved in the Special Heros Cup Games on July 11, 2025. The event is in Nashua and she has tickets available.

**3. #celebrateMRSD:** Troy School students thanked the School Board for the Ecology Trip they were able to attend with the support of the Board.

The Baseball Team won the State Championship. Gavin Lombara won the State Championship in the 100 dash and 200 dash and the 110 hurdles and 210 hurdles at the Meet of Champions.

Very impressive to come in first in both. The Special Olympics Team also finished as champions. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve swag for the Baseball Team, the Track Champion and the Special Olympics. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229.

**Motion passes.**

**4. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**

**a. Overview of Summer Programming and Professional Development: J.**

Rathbun shared the work that L. Spencer has done. Over the summer there will be Title II training and 504 training. The Middle School will dive into the data from the IReady and State Testing. The high school will also dive into the same data and ELA. The Behavior data, Science and Algebra will be reviewed. At the elementary level groups will be looking at standard practices and homework. MTC and Cutler will work on the upcoming merger. The administration will attend the Innovative Schools Conference which is funded by Title II grants. J. Rathbun gave a shout out to L. Spencer. She heard the Board had concerns in those areas and hit those items.

J.Rathbun explained that all of the elementary schools are shut down for construction this summer. All of the summer programs are being held at the MRMHS. There are 300 kids in the summer program and over 100 students in the summer school tutoring program. He said a lot is going on in the school but it is nice to see all of the students Pre K-12 in the building. The little ones are running around but separate from the older kids.

**5. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BUDGET COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**a. Tennis Court Bids:** The Board received two quotes to completely redo the tennis courts. Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing came in with the lowest bid. The bid is

based on the May 1, 2025 cost of asphalt. It was the intent of the Fin/Fac Committee to withdraw the funds from the Building and Grounds Expendable Trust. K. Noonan suggested withdrawing half from the Trust and half from the 2024/25 unallocated fund balance. **MOTION:** C.

McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to award the Tennis Court bid to Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing, \$115,000 to be funded from the 2024/25 Unexpended Fund Balance, if available and the balance to be funded from the Building and Grounds Expendable Trust. **SECOND:** K. Noonan **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229 **Motion passes.**

**b. Instrument Rentals:** J.Rathbun explained that the band numbers were down and the Board voted to use the CARES Funds to pay for the instrument rentals previously. Currently, there are a number of students who are showing an interest in playing an instrument. The cost to support this will be less than \$50,000. This will be funded by an open paraprofessional position. This position has been open for 3 ½ years and would not be the first filled if there are people to fill the vacancies. **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the proposal to eliminate an unfilled MRMHS regular education paraprofessional position in order to fund instrumental rentals. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** J. Cesaitis-abstain and remaining members-yes. **Motion passes.**

**c. Motion to Encumber Unallocated Funds:** There was no motion proposed.

**d. Motion for Proposed Budget Research Items:** **MOTION:** R. Vogt **MOVED** to ask the administration to research the cost of a dedicated coordinator or manager position to oversee the alternative learning and/or ELO. **SECOND:** K. Noonan **DISCUSSION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas asked if there are any other items, any other positions that the administration will propose if they see fit. **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to ask the administration to research the cost of a facilities engineering feasibility study for the SAU and support offices (to include all Swanzey administrative buildings). **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **DISCUSSION:** E. Stanley suggested selling Wilcox. J.Rathbun commented that the cost of the study is not 5 figures. **VOTE:** E. LaPlante-abstain and remaining members-yes. **Motion passes.**

**e. Fair Funding Letter and Meeting:** **MOTION:** to empower S. Peters and K. Noonan to act as emissaries to the State of NH for any school funding meetings that occur and to promote the Fair Funding Letter as proposed by the Fair Funding Coordination Team. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** G. Carraro-no, E. LaPlante-no and remaining members-yes. **Motion passes.**

**f. Approve Data Governance Plan (policy EHAB):** It was explained that it is the Board's obligation to review and approve the Data Governance Plan each year. J. Rathbun explained that there are no changes and we are in compliance with State Law. **MOTION:** B. Tatro. **MOVED** to approve the Data Governance Plan as written. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229. **Motion passes.**

**g. Approve Instructional Plan (policy IJ):** The Board will discuss at the next meeting in July.

**h. Policies for First Read:**

**i. IGDJ-Interscholastic Athletics:**

**ii. IJOC-Volunteers:**

**iii. KF-Use of Facilities and KF-Application: MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to accept the policy motions as presented by the Policy Committee. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229. **Motion passes.**

**i. Sealed Minutes Log:** J. Rathbun explained L. Sutton has a SEALED Minute Log and some of the minutes do not have a date to release and are not approved. He would ask a few Board Members to sit down with L. Sutton and go over the SEALED Minutes. **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to approve S. Peters and K. Noonan to review the SEALED Minutes that do not have Board approval or a specific release date. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229. **Motion passes.**

**j. Approve the Consent Agenda: June 3, 2025 Minutes, Non-Public Minutes, Budget Transfers and Manifest: \$ 3,103,290.03. MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to accept the June 3, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes and Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$ 3,103,290.03 and to approve the following budget transfers as follows: a request from J. Morin and T. Breen in the amount of \$38,800.00 from the MRMHS Admin.Asst. Salaries lines, MTC Health Salaries and Emerson Spec. Ed, Health Ins lines to the MRMHS Electricity lines, MTC Electricity line and the Emerson Electricity line, a request from J. Morin in the amount of \$7120.00 from the SRO Reimbursement line to the Food Supplemental line and a request from J. Morin in the amount of \$17,381.00 from the MRMHS Library Aide Salary line to the Retired Employee Expense line. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229. **Motion passes.**

#### **6. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

- a. July 15, 2025**
- b. Fin/Fac. Report**
- c. Policy IJ**
- d. Goals**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** J.Rathbun passed out Teacher Appreciation swag the staff had received to the Board.

**8. 8:17 PM ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee: MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes**

**9. 8:39 PM ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION ( c ) : MOTION:** K. Noonan **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:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting

at 8:41 PM. **SECOND:** H. Blood **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**VOTING KEY:** Yes/No/Abstain/Absent