

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 3, 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, Brian Bohannon and Jeff Cesaitis. **Absent:** Eric Stanley and Hannah Blood

**Administration Present:** J. Rathbun, Superintendent, L. Spencer, Assistant Superintendent, J. Morin, Business Administrator.

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**3. #celebrateMRSD:** J. Rathbun informed the Board that it is Senior Week, there is an awards night and graduation is on Saturday at 10:00 AM.

The Boys Track team was awarded runner up in the State Tournament, Gavin Lombara took first place in the State 100 meter and the State 300 meter and Peyton Joslyn took first place in the State 800 meter. Congratulations to all of the athletes. **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to approve swag for Gavin Lombara and Peyton Joslyn the State Champions. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **VOTE:** 9.605/0/0/3.395. **Motion passes.**

The softball and baseball playoffs are happening. Good Luck.

Dollar General has awarded Emerson School \$20,000 for new books for the school library.

Thank you to Lisa Wiley who took the lead on this.

K. Noonan explained that NHDI did an event which included students from Cutler, Troy and Emerson. This is a year-long program. Everyone who participated and helped did a great job.

She mentioned that the staff do a lot of work and the Board might think about giving them a stipend. She thought maybe this should go before the Extra-curricular Committee.

There is a 4th grade choral concert tonight. Also, a Band Day Concert.

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

**a. Policies for First Read:**

**i. IGDJ-Interscholastic Athletics:**

**ii. IJOC-Volunteers:**

**iii. KF-Use of Facilities and KF-Application:** There are 3 policies for review.

**b. MRSD Report Card Overview:** L.Spencer passed out a copy of a Troy Elementary student's report card. The name has been marked out. She explained that the students are marked on State Standards and effort. The administration has asked the teachers to see if the report card needs to be revamped. There are no letter grades in the elementary schools. The high

school has a longer report card. The card provides competencies attached to it, each student in each class will get husky habit grades as well as a letter grade. **B. Tatro arrives at the meeting.** L. Spencer explained Husky Habits and that the information is in the handbook. S.Peters asked if the parent has to acknowledge the fact that they read the student's report card. J.Rathbun said not in 20 years. The parents can check their student's grades everyday online. The report card is not as important to the parents because it can be seen online. There has never been a push for the portal at the elementary level.

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

**a. Authorize Weekly AP Checks & Manifest Signatures: MOTION:** S.Peters **MOVED** to assign 3 Board Members, C. McDaniel-Thomas, R. Vogt and B. Tatro to visit the SAU to sign the manifest throughout the summer and other Board Members may sign as alternates as needed. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**b. Authorize Superintendent to hire certified staff through 9/2/2025: MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to empower the Superintendent to hire certified staff without Board approval until the 2nd Board Meeting in September. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **Motion passes.**

**c. 2025/26 Board Goals: MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to adopt the following Board goals: Finance/Facilities by 10/1/2025 Update the CIP of the MRMHS and the SAU Campus, Education by 10/1/2025 Assess the District's current ELO, approve and recommend options to enhance the ELO in the 2026/27 School Year and CRC by 2/1/2025 Deliver at least 2 quarterly communications to the MRSD community regarding the District happenings and budget/voting information. **SECOND:** L. Steadman. **DISCUSSION:** It was explained that the Board has to be careful regarding sending home information with the students. J. Rathbun commented that it is possible to use ALMA if the Board decided to. Everything is electronic now. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**d. Superintendent Goals:** The Superintendent Goals will be done at the next Board Meeting.

**e. Voting Machines:** It was explained that the cost for the voting machines is \$14,500. E.LaPlante said the issue is still in the Supreme Court of NH. It was commented that the voting boxes cannot be rented anymore. It is impossible to count by hand. J. Morin explained if we can get the voting boxes by June 30, 2025 it will be out of this 2024/25 budget if after June 30, 2025 it will come out of the unallocated fund balance. Currently we spend \$8000 on renting the machines. **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to purchase the voting machines from Voting Works at the guaranteed price, using the funds from the FY 24/25. If the product cannot be received by June 30, 2025 the voting boxes shall be paid for by encumbering \$14,500 from the unallocated fund balance. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 7.613/3.123/0/2.264. **Motion passes.**

**f. Roofing Bids:** The administration presented 3 bids for the roof project over the locker room. Melanson Company came in with the lowest bid at \$76,890. The warrant article

was for \$120,000. **MOTION:** J. Cesaitis **MOVED** to accept the bid in the amount of \$76,890 to repair the roof over the locker room. **SECOND:** R. Vogt. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**g. Approve the Consent Agenda: May 20, 2025 Minutes, Non-Public Minutes, Budget Transfers and Manifest: \$ 972,793.64. MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to accept the May 20, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes and Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$ 972,793.64 and to accept the following budget transfers: a budget transfer request from J. Morin in the amount of \$14,000 from the MRMHS Teacher Substitutes line to the IT Repair and Maintenance line, a budget transfer request from J.Morin in the amount of \$21,450 from the MRMHS Admin, Health Insurance line to the Impr. of Instruction Svcs. Health Ins. line, a budget transfer request from T. Breen in the amount of \$8600 from the vehicle supplies line, the O&M Contracted Service line and the Travel & Conference line to the MRMHS Custodial Supplies line and a budget transfer request from J.Morin in the amount of \$20,000 from the Troy Special Ed. Health Insurance line to the Library Asst. Health Ins. line. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 9.639/0/1.098/2.263. **Motion passes.**

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

- a. June 17, 2025**
  - i. Unallocated Fund Balance**
  - ii. Tennis Courts**
  - iii. Budget Request-Wish List**

**7. Approval of SEALED MINUTES:**

**a. MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to approve the April 15, 2025 (j) SEALED Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** L. Steadman **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**b. MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to approve the April 15, 2025 (i) SEALED Non-Public Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** J. Cesaitis. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**c. MOTION:** to approve the May 20, 2025 ( c ) SEALED Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 8.507/0/2.229/2.263. **Motion passes.**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**9. 8:03 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. 8:05 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:** R. Vogt **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes**

**11. MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:36 PM. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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