

Monadnock Regional School District
Education/Technology Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2025 (corrected 6.25.2025)
SAU Conference Room, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Hannah Blood, Edmond LaPlante, Rachel Vogt, Scott Peters and Gina Carraro

Also Present: L. Spencer, Assistant Superintendent and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** H. Blood called the meeting to order.
2. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
3. **Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION:** S.Peters **MOVED** to approve the April 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
4. **DOE Report Card:** S.Peters presented the DOE Report Card for the committee to review. It shows the basic view of the district, the individual schools and the test scores. It was commented that maybe because we currently cannot find a highly qualified science teacher the scores reflect that. S.Peters commented that the metric is easy to misinterpret. L.Spencer explained information on those students that went to college and tech schools were sent to the State. We do send out a follow up survey. We do not promote the career path. She would like to see the information broken down. There is an uptick in kids that do not want to go to college. S.Peters commented that the State does not ask for that information. How do we ask the CRC to help with that? It was commented that our story is not being told on the website. There are discrepancies on the DOE website in regards to graduation. The committee continued to go through most of the tabs on the DOE Report Card. The committee looked at the information on the test scores. G. Carraro commented that the cost per pupil is more here than in other districts but our test scores are down. L.Spencer explained that students do not take the test seriously and there is an opt out of the test. We need to let the parents know how important the test is. H. Blood asked how the CRC might be able to help. It was commented that colleges do not look at the State testing. L. Spencer explained that IReady allows teachers to see growth in the students. The committee reviewed the Profile on the website. There are 1578 students enrolled in the district. G. Carraro commented that there is a high percentage of graduates with low proficiency. She compared the test scores to Connecticut schools and at a lower cost per pupil. S.Peters commented that the IReady data tells us the growth of the students. R. Vogt suggested telling the community the individual success stories. G.Carraro commented that the goal is to help them to be proficient. H. Blood commented that the CRC can promote the good things that we are doing. More factual information, a clear picture. S. Peters asked how we can do that. H. Blood said with key components. G. Carraro said proficiency scores. E. LaPlante said let them know the number of opt outs. S.Peters suggested at the next meeting pick topics, pick targets and confirm. Have the source and the data. Build a template with data and assessment tools. The committee discussed the State testing. R. Vogt commented that some kids get anxiety from testing.

- 5. ELO Opportunities:** L.Spencer presented the committee with a packet of information on ELO. She said that the State recognizes that some kids have a passion and do not want to go to college. There are State requirements that allow the students to work and receive credit. There has been more of a push on this since COVID. She mentioned that K.Thompson did an amazing job with the ELO Program at Hinsdale High School. She mentioned the history of the ELO in this district and that it is work for the employer. R. Vogt said it is an investment for the owners. L.Spencer said that ELO participants are not younger than 8th grade. H. Blood asked if the ELO Program would require staffing and a budget. S.Peters suggested asking the administration if there is a need for a new position and a budget or is it even. H. Blood asked if this ELO is the most important. In the huge picture is there something else that would affect more students. G.Carraro commented on just getting a job. S.Peters said that they are earning school credit. G.Carraro asked if this helps with the test scores and if we need to do this. There are vocational centers. We need to focus on learning to read. H. Blood said having other options. L.Spencer said this would be alternative credits for graduation. R.Vogt asked if we could collaborate with K. Thompson and Fall Mtn. L.Spencer commented that the committee should talk to K. Thompson so as not to recreate the wheel. The committee would like to promote the CCC. The enrollment is down at the CCC. J. Rathbun would like to be a receiving school and has ideas.
- 6. Cell Phone Policy:** L.Spencer mentioned that the 7th and 8th grade staff will be rolling out a practice cell phone policy run next week. There is a sense of relief with the staff. The administration will be attending a retreat with no cell phones. That will be the hardest for the staff. The families will struggle. There are a number of ways the administration will get the word out to students and parents about the cell phone policy. S.Peters explained that the Board will be willing to help notify and support the process but not interfere.
- 7. Wellness/Nutrition philosophies:** S.Peters presented the Long Term Education Strategy Plan to the committee. The Ed/Tech Committee had started this in the Summer of 2023. There is a 3-5-10 year CIP Plan. He presented Bloom's Taxonomy to the committee. He listed the 9 Education Philosophies. The previous committee spent 6-7 meetings on this and it should be revised every year if needed. We will take one philosophy, identify all of the policies, DOE standards and RSA. The committee will be working on the Wellness Philosophy. G. Carraro said that she does not let her child eat the school lunch. She asked what if she doesn't believe it. S. Peters said it is a menu question. They have been operating the nutrition program for 15 years and have never increased the budget.
- 8. Assignments and Agenda for Next Meeting June 25, 2025:** Current Wellness Policy, ELO, DOE Scorecard, Slide Deck and Wellness and Nutrition Philosophy.
- 9. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- 10. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** G. Carraro **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. **SECOND:** R Vogt **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary