

**Monadnock Regional School District  
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 28, 2025  
Monadnock Regional School Library**

**Members Present:** Ed Sheldon, Steven Sawyer, Wayne Lechliden, Nancy Carney, Jon Hoden, Sarah Burgess, Anne Marie Osheyack and Jack Gettens. **Absent:** Doug Bersaw, Robert Audette, Bruce Murphy, Unassigned from Roxbury and Fitzwilliam.

**Administration Present:** J.Morin, Business Administrator.

**Also Present:** Betty Tatro, liaison for the School Board,

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** E. Sheldon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

3. **Approval of the September 23, 2025 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes:**

**MOTION:** J. Hoden **MOVED** to approve the September 23 2025 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** S. Burgess. **VOTE:** E. Sheldon-abstain and remaining members-yes. **Motion passes.**

4. **Administration Reports:**

a. **Monthly Financial Report: Transfers/Expenses:** J. Morin provided the Monthly Financial Report and the Detailed Report to the committee prior to this meeting. She asked if there were any questions. J. Morin explained that the committee has asked for the list of the revenue sources. She explained that the Board had voted to purchase voting machines and replace the tennis courts. The company who won the bid for the tennis courts will not be able to do the tennis courts until this summer but will keep the same price that was quoted. W. Lechliden asked if there is any interest in tennis. J. Morin commented that the interest in tennis is growing. Currently, the students have to use the KSC courts, which is difficult because the KSC students are using their courts. W. Lechliden asked if the administration had explored a revenue stream for the empty rooms at night. J. Morin said there has been no conversation. The custodians usually clean at night. J. Morin explained that any empty rooms need to be offered to Charter Schools. She is not sure that they operate at night. She will bring this to the attention of the administrative team. J. Morin mentioned that the district joined the lawsuit. We paid into the lawsuit and will be receiving funds back due to the decision. W. Lechliden commented that people are in fear of losing their homes due to taxes and the Board voted for new tennis courts. A. M. Osheyack commented why did you wait so long to say anything about the tennis courts. W. Lechliden commented that there are other sports. B. Tatro said we have been waiting years for the new courts. J. Morin explained that the courts are used for PE and the middle school recess. The courts can also be used by the community. W. Lechliden asked if the pavilions in the district are used. J. Morin said they are used all the time. It was asked if the tennis courts would be used for pickle ball as well. The district will have to ask the NHIAA.

**b. Update on Medicaid Reimbursement:** J. Morin explained that the medicaid revenue was down a lot. She explained that we changed the company who was doing the billing but there is really no reason for the reduction in revenue to the district. We are still doing the billing and are hoping for more revenue. This year we are very conservative on revenue estimates in the proposed budget. There are a number of factors why she is being conservative. The government has changed the rules. She explained that the State is doing a random audit on FY20 and FY21 through the Special Ed. Dept.

**c. Revenues:** J. Morin explained when the district builds the budget they anticipate the revenues. In September we sent the revised anticipated revenues to the State. We estimate and adjust the revenues by looking at previous years and looking at the new information. In the Fall we can revise. It is impossible to know the exact number but we are realistic. The medicaid is unforeseen. J. Morin explained that most of the revenues are known in the Fall. The medicaid deficit is not foreseen. We do have the Trust Funds as a safety net. J. Morin said the Funding Lawsuit sided with the District and we should receive revenue. J. Gettens stated that he heard the State will be sending less. J. Morin said some of the federal money but not the grants. The grants are separate funding.

**d. Staffing:** J. Morin said there is no staffing report. The district is in a better place than last year. We are in need of paras.

**5. MESSA Contract:** B. Tatro commented that the board will be voting on the contract soon. She is not able to share any of the agreement at this time.

**6. Construction Update:** The Emerson School is complete. MTC is on track and will be done around Thanksgiving. The Troy School is under way.

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

**8. Health Insurance Rates:** J. Morin explained that the health insurance increases came in at 5.8% to 7.7%. The dental came in at 4.4%. The FY 27 Budget Books will be ready on November 18, 2025. J. Morin explained that the District has received 1 million dollars in interest from the project. There has to be a warrant article in order to use the interest. The district can not earn more interest than the bond interest.

**9. School Board Liaison Report:** B. Tatro does not have anymore to report.

**10. Chairperson's Comments:** There are no comments.

**11. Next Meeting's Agenda:** **The next meeting is the December 2, 2025 Joint Meeting.**

**12. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**13. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** J. Hoden **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. **SECOND:** A. M. Osheyack **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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