

**Monadnock Regional School District
Community Relations Committee Meeting
January 20, 2026 (Not Yet Approved)
6:00 pm MRMHS Library, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Jeff Cesaitis and Hannah Blood. **Absent:** Eric Stanley

Also Present: J. Rathbun, Superintendent

- 1. Public Comments:** There were no public comments

- 2. Deliberative Session Discussion:** J.Rathbun explained to the committee what will happen at the Deliberative Session. W. Hutwelker, the moderator, will run the meeting, Donovan Fenton will speak, J. Rathbun will welcome everyone in attendance, S.Peters will recognize the School Board Members and E. Sheldon will recognize the Budget Committee Members. H. Blood asked what kind of information we should give to the public. J. Rathbun suggested quick information on the website. Explaining what is the Deliberative Session. February 7, 2026 is the last date to have this meeting. There are Bylaws that govern this meeting. J. Rathbun explained to the committee that at the last Budget Committee Meeting the committee supported all of the warrant articles that will be on the ballot. J. Rathbun commented that the Warrant Articles in Plain English looked great.

- 3. MTC Grand Opening:** The Grand Opening of MTC will be on February 17, 2026 with the School Board Meeting to follow. Food will be for those in attendance. The staff will be asked to be throughout the building for questions. The ribbon cutting by the Swanzey Board representatives will be at the front of the building and the Keene Sentinel will be asked to attend. M.Suarez will invite the parents, School Board and Budget Committee. It was asked how to communicate the Open House to the public. It was suggested to prepare a fact sheet about the building for the website.

- 4. Emerson Library Dedication to Winston Wright:** J. Rathbun asked the committee what they felt should go on the plaque. He was a teacher, fire fighter and Fitzwilliam School Board Member. W.Wright was also a selectman for Fitzwilliam. This celebration should be open to all. He was probably the fire fighter who trained the people who saved the library. J. Cesaitis will reach out to the Wright family to get input from them and then reach out to J. Rathbun.

- 5. Naming of MTC Gymnasium:** The Cutler students will be moving over to the newly renovated MTC School at the beginning of the new school year. The color in the new gymnasium was done in red. The Cutler School color is red.The administration would like the Cutler students to be part of the MTC environment. They would like to name the MTC gymnasium the Cutler Gymnasium. Should this happen at the Grand Opening which is Feb. 17, 2026 or on another day. J. Cesaitis suggested it should be on another day but to ask the entire Board. J. Rathbun would like to surprise the kids at the beginning of the new school year, the first day of school, a ceremony with the Board and invite the Keene Sentinel.

6. Donation from the Class of 1977: The Class of 1977 is not looking for a ceremony at a basketball game for their donation. They would like a very low key reception as a thank you for their donation. The CRC will reach out to the Class of 1977 for more information and a suggested date.

7. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

8. Next Agenda: February 17, 2026

9. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: J.Cesaitis **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.
SECOND: H. Blood **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis

MRSD Recording Secretary