

**Monadnock Regional School District  
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2026 (corrected 4.28.2026)  
Monadnock Regional School Library**

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

**Administration Present:** J. Rathbun, Superintendent and J.Morin, Business Administrator.  
**Also Present:** Betty Tatro, liaison for the School Board,

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** J. Rathbun called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed the newly elected members.
2. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
3. **Organization of Committee:**
  - a. **Election of Officers:**
    - i. **Chair:** J. Rathbun asked for nominations for the Budget Committee Chair. **MOTION:** N. Carney **MOVED** to nominate E. Sheldon as the Budget Committee Chair. **SECOND:** J. Hoden. **There were no other nominations. VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes. ( E. Sheldon takes over the meeting).**
    - ii. **Vice Chair:** **MOTION:** J. Gettens **MOVED** to nominate N. Carney as the Budget Committee Vice Chair. **SECOND:** J. Hoden. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
  - b. **Election Results:** E. Sheldon commented that all of the articles passed. This group did a great job. He appreciates the work that was done by this committee. It was a great collaboration between the School Board, Budget Committee and administration. J. Rathbun would like to thank L. Sutton for all of the work she did and a thank you to Michelle Robidoux also. He said that the votes were not close at a time when we see other districts struggling. We did well. E.Sheldon said there has been a much stronger communication out to the community.
  - c. **Annual Calendar:** E.Sheldon reminded the members that the Budget Committee meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month. There will be a joint meeting with the School Board in May. The committee will decide if there is a need for a meeting in the summer months depending on what needs to be accomplished. September through December the committee will buckle down and prepare for the budget work. He would like to ask J. Gettens to present his work on the budget to the committee as he did last year. There is a second joint meeting with the School Board in November, Public Hearing in January and Deliberative in February.
4. **Approval of the January 8, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes:** **MOTION:** J. Hoden **MOVED** to approve the January 8, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** J. Gettens. **VOTE:** T. Morin-abstain and remaining members-yes. **Motion passes.**

**5. Administration Reports:**

**a. Monthly Financial Report/Transfers/Expenses:** J.Morin emailed the Monthly Expense Report, transfers and expenses to the members. There were no questions. J. Hoden was not at the MTC Open House nor the Deliberative and asked for an overview. J. Rathbun reported on both of the events. The committee asked about the sale of Cutler School. J. Morin explained that the administration is working with legal representatives to get a deed. There is no deed on file for any of the buildings. The District owns the buildings but we need the paperwork. **A.M. Osheyack arrives.** We are working with the District lawyers and will be hiring an abstractor to prepare the deed. It is recommended by the lawyers to have a bidding process for the Cutler School. J. Morin explained that she has no concerns with the end of the year regarding the budget. We have a new Student Services director and we are in a better place regarding Medicaid. J.Rathbun commented that the Autism Program at Emerson has made a real difference. We hope to expand the program. These are students who might have been sent to residential facilities but because of the program are remaining in the district. J.Gettens would like a presentation on the program at Emerson. E. Sheldon suggested maybe meeting at MTC and Emerson to see the schools, hold the meeting and look at the Emerson Autism Program.

**b. Staffing:**

**i. Vacancy Update:** J. Rathbun reported that the district is posting for certified staff for the new school year. There are not many retirements. We are looking stable and staff are staying. We should not have a lot of vacancies. There is stability by passing the articles.

**6. Superintendent Comments:** J. Rathbun explained that there are a lot of the end of the year activities. The 6th graders will be going to Ecology School, the students were outstanding in athletics and We Will Rock You Presentation was great. The State Testing is coming up. L. Spencer and her team have been working hard preparing the students for the testing. Expect good things.

**7. School Board Liaison Report:** B. Tatro reported that the Board elected S. Peters as the Board Chair. K. Noonan was elected Board Member from Swanzey and C. Pierce was elected Board Member from Fitzwilliam. She reported that the Board will be negotiating with the Specialists this coming year.

**8. Chairperson's Comments:** E. Sheldon commented that there is a vacancy from Roxbury and a vacancy from Fitzwilliam.

**9. Next Meeting's Agenda: The next meeting is April 27, 2026.**

**10. Public Comments:** The committee discussed the shortfall in Concord. They discussed adequacy, revenues and insurance.

**11. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** J.Hoden **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. **SECOND:** N. Carney **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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