

**Monadnock Regional School District
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2026
Monadnock Regional School Library**

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

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 March 24, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** N. Carney **MOVED** to approve the March 24, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** T. Morin **VOTE:** S. Burgess-abstain, J. Gettens-abstain, W. Lechluder-abstain and remaining members-yes. **Motion passes.**
4. **Administration Reports:**
 - a. **Monthly Financial Report/Transfers/Expenses:** J.Morin emailed the Monthly Expense Report, transfers and expenses to the members. She explained that the Budget Committee has asked for information on the transfers. Board policy states if the amount of the transfer is more than \$5000 it must be approved by the Board. J. Morin said the Superintendent usually presents the Staffing report. He is not present this evening so she presented the report. There is 3.42% of the budget remaining. J. Morin commented that the district is in a better place than in other years. Friday is the deadline to encumber funds after that she will have a better feel for where the district is. E. Sheldon asked if the Board is talking about surplus and what to do with it. B. Tatro commented the Board has not discussed that yet. J. Morin explained that the administration has discussed the idea of fixing the gymnasium and the auditorium with the funds. Both need to be painted. It has been many years since they were done. The administration is getting estimates and will bring the idea to the Finance/Facilities Committee and the Board for consideration.
 - b. **Staffing:**
 - i. **Vacancy Update:** E. Sheldon asked if the report takes into account those that are retiring. J. Morin explained that contracts are going out in the next few weeks and after that they will have a better sense.
5. **Upcoming Budget Committee Meeting Schedule:** E. Sheldon announced that the Board and the Budget Committee have a joint meeting on May 19, 2026 and asked what members would be attending. The committee would like to schedule the June Meeting at Emerson Elementary School with a tour prior to the meeting and the September Meeting at MTC with a

tour prior to the meeting. E.Sheldon will be in contact with the principals of those schools to schedule the tour and meetings.

6. Budget Committee Bylaws: E. Sheldon is asking for a volunteer to take a look at the bylaws and make recommendations to the committee. This process should be done every 10 years. E. Sheldon explained that there are specific RSAs. The bylaws are how we as a committee operate. There is no need to access an attorney. J. Morin commented that if there are specific questions ask the administration and they may be able to get an answer through legal counsel if necessary. W. Lechluder commented it is cut and dry on the bylaws. J. Morin commented the Board is run by policies and the Budget Committee run by bylaws. S. Sawyer has volunteered to review the bylaws and make recommendations to the committee. He will try to have that information for the June meeting.

7. Open Discussion: It was commented that HealthTrust is up, water is up and gas is up. It is a tough road to go. It was suggested to keep things at a minimum when thinking about the next budget. W. Lechluder commented that we need to offset the increase. Use the facilities to generate income. J. Morin commented that we do have groups in town who use the facility but we do not have them pay. They are taxpayers. The administration is trying to sell unused items such as tables that have been replaced. The Cutler School will also be sold soon. W. Lechluder asked about charging the kids for parking. J. Morin said the district does charge the kids for parking.

8. Superintendent Comments: The Superintendent is not present.

9. School Board Liaison Report: B. Tatro reported that the District will celebrate Staff Appreciation Week with a small token from the Board to the entire staff. The Board received a Marzano Presentation from the Elementary principals. NHDI is a program which takes place each year. Next year the weeklong program will have more enrichment opportunities for the students.

10. Chairperson's Comments: E. Sheldon had no further comments.

11. Next Meeting's Agenda: The next meeting is May 19, 2026 Joint Meeting with the Board.

12. Public Comments: There are no public comments.

13. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: S. Sawyer **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. **SECOND:** S. Burgess **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
MRSD Recording Secretary