Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026
MRMHS Library, Swanzey, NH

School Board Members Present: Kristen Noonan, Edmond LaPlante, Brian Bohannon, Lisa Steadman, Rachel Vogt, Hannah Blood, Scott Peters, Melissa Diven, Jennifer Strimbeck and Christina Pierce. **Absent:** Gina Carraro, Betty Tatro and Unassigned from Fitzwilliam.

Administration Present: J. Rathbun, Superintendent and L. Spencer, Assistant Superintendent.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER at 7:00 PM: S. Peters opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

3. #celebrateMRSD:

a. J. Rathbun mentioned that graduation is on June 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM. If the board is interested in attending please RSVP to L. Sutton.

b. MRMHS has received the NHIAA Sportsmanship Award.

c. L. Spencer was in attendance at the Prom. It was a beautiful night and lots of fun.

d. The District received an email from Mr. French, the bus driver thanking the administration and the School Board for their thoughtfulness. He is doing well.

e. Last night was the Annual Recognition Night at Papagallos. The staff was recognized for years of service and those that are retiring. It was a fun night. Thanks to L. Sutton for all of her hard work on a fantastic night. Thank you Papagallos for hosting the event.

f. Peyton Joslyn set a new record in the 1600 meter, the 3200-meter race and is the D3 State Champion. Congratulations Peyton!! Victoria Rivera-Taylor is the D3 State Champion in the 300-meter hurdles. Congratulations Victoria!! **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to award championship swag to Peyton Joslyn and Victoria Rivera-Taylor for becoming the D3 State Champions in their competitions. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** 10.563/0/0/2.437. **Motion passes.**

4. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

a. ELO Presentation: L.Spencer, Laura Weiderman and Alan Givetz are here to give a presentation on the ELO. L. Spencer explained that it is a look at the ELO, how it did this year and how to maybe improve it. The students earn credits toward graduation. Each student's ELO is designed toward the individual. There are 4 pillars which need to be met. The students work with local individuals and businesses. L. Weiderman explained there were 8 students in the program who earned credits as well as met the Husky Habits for a total of 9 ½ credits. There were 4 work-based learning students and 4 student internships. There were juniors and seniors in the program. They would like to get the word out and increase the number of students in the program. Currently there are 25 students showing interest and 18 going through with the application. The program would like to increase the community partnership by 10. The student presentations were great but there was a need from the staff for more guidance on what is needed. It is a very rewarding program and it is great to watch the students in the program. L.Weiderman would like to thank Alan Givetz, Program Coordinator, the faculty, community partners, Cushing and Sons, Top Dog Construction, Cheshire Veterinary and the teachers for their work with the ELO students. J. Rathbun thanked L. Spencer, L. Weiderman and A.Givetz. H. Blood thanked all involved in the ELO. She said it was a great experience and another option for the students. R. Vogt commented on how the administration had the ELO Program up and running so quickly. Nice job.

b. **MRMHS Report Card:** L. Spencer passed out a sample report card to the Board. The goal of the report card is to report what the student knows and that the Husky Habits are being met. S.Peters asked L.Spencer to explain the report card to the new members.

c. **Year at a Glance: Key updates & reports:** L.Spencer set a timeline for reporting professional development, counselors reports, State Data, SAT, iReady, extracurricular participation in the elementary schools and MRMHS. Title I and Beyond the Bell will also be reported on during the year. S. Peters has a schedule and would like to have a Special Ed. Report as well. L.Spencer and S.Peters will work on the time line.

d. **Policy JAFB-Non-resident students:** J. Rathbun presented to the Board that currently there are 5 students of staff members who do not live in one of the SAU towns and currently attend school free. MRSD Policy allows 5 students. A staff member is asking for their child to attend Monadnock. J. Rathbun followed the policy and turned the request down. He was asked to bring it to the Board. J. Rathbun commented that there are no capacity concerns. K. Noonan is happy that the teachers want their child to attend Monadnock. It was commented that the student needs to be well-behaved. J. Rathbun commented that he has no problem saying the student needs to leave if they do not behave. **MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to approve the request for a 6th staff member's student (out of district) to attend the MRSD at no cost. **SECOND:** K. Noonan **VOTE:** 9.447/1.116/0/2.437. **Motion passes.**

5. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION

a. *** Re-Encumber Tennis Court Funds:** The bid for the tennis courts may increase due to the cost of asphalt. The company explained that they will not know of the escalation until the start of the project which is at the end of June or beginning of July. **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to encumber funds for the tennis court project into the next fiscal year in the amount of $115,000. **SECOND:** M. Diven. **VOTE:** 9.447/1.116/0/2.437. **Motion passes.**

b. *** MRMHS Paving Bids:** It was explained the District has 3 years to spend the warrant article funds for paving at the MRMHS. Funds will be withdrawn from the Expendable Trust for the tennis court so the administration is not recommending withdrawing funds from the Expendable Trust for the paving. The administration is recommending repairing the pipe in the parking lot.

c. *** Board Requests for Proposed Budget/Research Ideas:** The Board will bring ideas for the 2027-28 budget and ask the administration to research the ideas as potential items in the budget and bring back the cost. E. LaPlante heard from members in his town to have more books, more bathrooms and cut costs. L. Steadman asked about hall monitors and a Special Ed. classroom in the Middle School area. R. Vogt mentioned supplementing the science program with gardens. J. Rathbun commented that he will be working with the administrative team over the summer on the wishlist with the costs. S.Peters would like to suggest a coordinator in order for all of the elementary school students to be on the same level, doing the same school work and enter the middle school on the same level.

d. * Approve the Consent Agenda: May 19, 2026 Public and Non-Public Meeting Minutes and the Manifest $1,690,826.88: MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to approve the May 19, 2026 Public and Non-Public Meeting Minutes and the Manifest in the amount of $1,690,826.88. **SECOND:** R.Vogt. **VOTE:** 10.563/0/0/2.437. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** L.Steadman **MOVED** to approve the May 19, 2026 SEALED Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** 10.563/0/0/2.437. **Motion passes.**

6. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

a. June 16, 2026

i. Authorize Weekly AP Checks & Manifest Signatures

ii. Authorize Superintendent to hire certified staff until the 1st Sept. Meeting

iii. Last Meeting to leverage Unallocated Funds:

iv. Fin/Fac Committee-3 options for the Cutler Sale Funds

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

8. 8:25 PM Nominations: Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee: MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. **SECOND:** R. Vogt **VOTE:** 10.563/0/0/2.437. **Motion passes.**

9. 8:30 PM Resignation: Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting: MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. **SECOND:** M. Diven **VOTE:** 10.563/0/0/2.437. **Motion passes.**

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOTION: K. Noonan **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. **SECOND:** R. Vogt. **VOTE:** 10.563/0/0/2.437. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary

VOTING KEY: Yes/No/Abstain/Absent