

Monadnock Regional School District
Orientation Committee
August 11, 2026
MRMHS Library, Swanzey, NH

Committee Members: Lisa Steadman, Rachel Vogt and Christina Pierce. **Absent:** Melissa Diven and Kristen Noonan.

1. Review NHSBA Orientation Packet: L.Steadman commented that the NHSBA Orientation Packet is a baseline that all School Board Members go through. We should take the foundation of the NHSBA and add Monadnock. How do the topics pertain to Monadnock? There is a list of policies regarding orientation. L.Steadman will provide the list. L. Steadman asked if it would be helpful for the Board to purchase *Seven Habits of Highly Effective School Board Members*. L.Steadman suggested purchasing one copy to see if they should order more or as a read along.

2. Policy BIA New Board Member Orientation: Begin Construction of Orientation Packet: This policy was last revised on Feb. 1, 2001. It was clarified that this is in addition to the NHSBA Sample Policy. There is also another book that might be helpful: *Becoming a Better Board Member*. The committee reviewed the policy and went over what each Board Member should be provided as a member. The committee has access to the previous year's minutes. New members are not allowed to review the sealed minutes prior to being elected to the Board. The new members have access to the RSA and should be shown how to access them. *Becoming a Better Board Member* could be available if requested. The policies are available to the Board Members on line and should explain how to access them. The members are able to register for the NHSBA orientation packet. The budget is available on the website. The packet will provide information on how to review the budget. The Labor Agreements are on the website, provide links, explain acronyms and do a quick 101 explanation. Roberts Rules are followed. Perhaps a cheat sheet to explain the highlights. The Auditor's report is available and the packet will provide the link to access it. The Board Goals are done through the regular Board Meetings. The Transportation Contract is available but not frequently asked for due to the trust of the administration. The members may ask to review with a Right to Know request. The non-union contracts are negotiated by the administration. The Board should know when to ask and where to find the contracts. The District goes through a School Accreditation Process. It will be explained who does the process and how often is this done. The administration will announce the enrollment numbers, the BOY usually at the October Meeting. The Board Members are provided a schedule of Board Meeting dates. The administration provided a Profile for the HighSchool and will review the Elementary Profiles which are on the website. A list of Board Members are available on the website and their information is handed out to the Board Members each year. By comparing the NHSBA Policy and the MRSD Policy it is the same. R.Vogt would like a flow

chart to show where to go if a Board Member has a question. L.Steadman will be setting up a shared drive for the Board to access. The shared drive orientation packet will be available to the Board and the Orientation Committee will drop items in the folder when they come available. It will be a working folder. The information will be what was previously discussed.

3. Setting the next meeting: The committee will work on the first four folders at the next meeting.

4. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

5. Motion to adjourn the meeting: MOTION: C.Pierce **MOVED** to adjourn the Orientation Committee Meeting at 6:56 PM. **SECOND:** R. Vogt. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary