

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MONADNOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT
WARRANT FOR 2020-2021
Deliberative Session Version - February 1st, 2020

Board Members Present: Rob Colbert, Brian Bohannon, Betty Tatro, Winston Wright, Kristen Noonan, Neil Moriarty, Lisa Steadman, Kristie Wilder, Colleen Toomey, Eric Stanley, Scott Peters and Nicholas Mosher (not speaking as a School Board Member) **Absent:** Karen Wheeler.

Budget Committee Members Present: Wayne Lechliden, Megan Foley, Tom Matson, Douglas Bersaw, Jillian Exel, Dan Coffman, Adam Hopkins,

Administration Present: L. Witte, Superintendent, C. Woods, Director of Student Services, J. Morin, Business Administrator and D. LaPointe, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Principals Present: L. Spencer, K. Stone, M. Suarez, L. Stevens, A. Noel and A. Saulzman.

Also Present: W. Hutwelker, Moderator, J. O'Shaughnessy, Attorney, K. Thibault, Assistant Moderator and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

Moderator Hutwelker opened the Deliberative Session at 10:05 AM. Arianna Alan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Witte introduced her team of administrators and introduced the principals. The Board Members introduced themselves. L. Steadman thanked N. Moriarty for his years of service on the School Board. N. Moriarty will not be running for School Board this coming election. She also thanked K. Wilder for her time on the Board. She will not be running for School Board this election. W. Lechliden introduced the members on the Budget Committee. T. Matson and W. Lechliden will not be running for reelection. D. Coffman thanked W. Lechliden for his years of service to the District.

Moderator Hutwelker thanked the School Board Members, Budget Committee Members, teachers, paraprofessionals and maintenance members for their service to the District. He thanked J. Gomarlo, B. Tatro and B. Faulkner for their service to the towns.

Moderator Hutwelker introduced Jay Kahn. Jay Kahn will update the audience on what is going on in Concord. He said it is a citizen's government and it is dependent on volunteers. He said there are 970 bills this year. We have bills that will influence the property rate. It is a

concern. There were \$600,000.00 more appropriated from the State in this current year. It has helped to reduce taxes. The 1.4 coming from the State has the ability to do a variety of things. It is a one-time spending without a tax impact. The medicaid is uncertain. It has been disrupted but he is working on it. We will be able to charge the \$370,000.00 which was not disrupted. The State has funded 95% of Special Ed. this year. Use your State officials to help with the funding. He commented on the SRO and how it will impact the District and how important it is. It is not a lot of money and it will assist the school with communication to the office. He thanked the audience for taking interest in the quality of education for the kids.

Moderator Hutwelker explained the rules. He said each person asking to speak will have 3 minutes to speak. They may come to the microphone again when everyone else has spoken. Moderator Hutwelker will not read the Article unless asked.

Moderator Hutwelker read the Ballot:

ARTICLE ONE: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations votes separately, totaling \$33,727,946.00 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget will be \$33,251,463 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Monadnock Regional School District by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40: 13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The School Board does not support this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** B. Bohannon-Swanzey **MOVED** Article One to the ballot as written. **SECOND:** P. Sherring-Swanzey. **DISCUSSION:** B. Bohannon explained the School Board does not support this budget amount. The School Board's proposed budget was \$34,089,903.00. The Budget Committee's proposed budget is below the default budget. This proposal will reduce certified staff, support staff, academics among other items. **MOTION:** Lisa Mango-Swanzey **MOVED** to amend the motion and propose the budget at \$33,727,946.00. **SECOND:** Elliot Kaplan-Gilsum **DISCUSSION:** D. Coffman-Swanzey explained the Budget Committee will not support this amendment. The actual spent was \$32,000,000.00. In 2017-2018, 29.6 million spent, 2018-2019, 30.3 million spent and 2019-2020, 32.4 million spent. We have been underspending our budget for the past 3 years. The proposed is 32 million, the administration's budget 34 million and

the default budget 33.2 million. The District will receive 1.4 million from the State. We do not have a solid plan. Why continue down this path? The 1.4 million is unplanned in the checking account. There has been a proposed 11% increase in the School Board budget in 2 years. It is responsible to remain at the \$32,000,000.00 level and the Budget Committee will support all of the other articles. He would urge people not to support the amendment. R. Colbert-Swanzey asked the amount of funds spent on Special Ed. He commented on what happens when a Special Ed. student moves into the District similar to what is happening in Marlow. The School Board has worked hard and the administration has gone through the budget with a fine tooth comb. The School Board and the administration have done due diligence and do not want to reduce the budget but we need to be responsible. There are items that are hard to budget. Dan Connell-Richmond asked about the student enrollment. The administration said it is steady. The School Board spent \$30,000,000.00 and is asking for \$34,000,000.00 plus they will receive 1.4 million from the State. He would not support the amendment. If you need money come back to the voters. There is no increase in enrollment. **MOTION:** Tom Matson-Troy **MOVED** to call the question. Doug Bersaw-Richmond asked if the number included the \$970,000.00 in revenues. The amendment does include the \$970,000.00. It was explained the budget for the ballot would be \$32,757,946.00 if the amendment passes. **Tom Matson-Troy withdrew his motion to call the question.** B. Bohannon-Swanzey mentioned the Budget Committee's Budget is below the Default and the School Board proposed budget. The School Board is trying to improve the student experience. The SRO and the guidance counselor are important to the District. The School Board has worked hard to reduce class size. If we come in below we will see a setback in student education. Megan Foley-Swanzey explained the 2015-2016 budget was 31.5 million and 29.9 million spent, 2016-2017 budget was 31.9 million and 30.3 was spent. The Budget Committee is supporting the 32 million proposed budget. Christine Wallace-Richmond said there are families with unexpected medical bills. You are not spending the money, that is a huge savings, a surplus. Think about the taxpayers. Paul Sherring-Swanzey asked if the body is willing to have a special meeting if the added funds are needed. Andrew Wallace-Richmond heard about the 1.4 from the State. It is meant for tax relief. It should be used to reduce the tax rate for this current year. Lisa Mango-Swanzey said she is a parent, teacher, taxpayer and was a Special Ed. Many children need to be supported. We now have new software in place that will help with the numbers. You need to jump through hoops to get supplies for the students. It is very difficult. W. Lechlinder-Swanzey mentioned the 2-million-dollar surplus and said you cannot find a pencil, that is a management issue. We are getting 1.4 million from the State. We purchased items from the 1.5 million surplus from last year. Monadnock

will be receiving 1.4 million from the State and has a 1.5-million-dollar surplus. That is a windfall. W. Lechluder-Swanzey will not support the amendment. Lisa Mango-Swanzey said you have professional staff to come up with these numbers. **Moderator Hutwelker called for a voice vote. The voice vote was very close. The following people asked for a ballot vote: R. Colbert-Swanzey, B. Bohannon-Swanzey, N. Mosher-Roxbury, S. Mosher-Roxbury and E. Bank of Swanzey. CARD VOTE: Yes-37 and No-35. Motion passes. MOTION: B. Bohannon-Swanzey MOVED Article One to the ballot as amended. SECOND: L. Mango- Swanzey. CARD VOTE: Yes-39 and No-31. Motion passes. D. Bersaw-Richmond and D. Connell-Richmond are requesting a recount on the ballot for the amendment. Moderator Hutwelker said there are no ballots to count.**

MOTION: L. Mango-Swanzey MOVED to restrict reconsideration of Article One.
SECOND: E. Kaplan-Swanzey.

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,130,000 for renovations at Monadnock Regional Middle High School. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the renovation projects are complete or June 30, 2023 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION: P. Sherring- Swanzey MOVED** Article Two to the ballot as written. **SECOND: M. Szymcik-Swanzey DISCUSSION:** This article will fund the removal of the 1990 temporary structures in front of the MS/HS and four new classrooms will be built in the rear of the building. **MOTION: T. Matson-Troy MOVED** to move the question. **SECOND: L. Mango-Swanzey. VOTE: Voice Vote-yes. Motion passes.**

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for engineering and design work as a result of the district-wide elementary feasibility study. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or June 30, 2023 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION: R.Colbert-Swanzey MOVED** Article Three to the ballot as printed. **SECOND: P. Sherring- Swanzey. DISCUSSION: R. Colbert-Swanzey explained this is the result of multi-years of work**

by the Facilities Committee. He asked everyone to pick up a card provided by the District which will tell you where to go for information on the work and reports of the Feasibility Study. He is not sure about the thoughts of the Budget Committee because of the change to Article One. **MOTION:** Ben Drugg-Troy **MOVED** to amend Article Three as follows: **ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for engineering and design work for “Option 5” of the district-wide elementary feasibility study. “Option 5” consolidates four of the district’s elementary schools into one northern school and one southern school by closing Cutler, Troy and Emerson schools. A new school will be built at a new site for Troy and Emerson students and Mount Caesar will be expanded to accommodate Cutler students. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or June 30, 2023 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **SECOND:** A. Hopkins-Troy **DISCUSSION:** It is ambiguous that this information is part of the article. It will be better to ensure they know what they are voting on. N. Moriarty, Richmond is not sure about Option 5. There is a lot of work to be done. There are a lot of other Options and no labor costs. We do not know the number of principals that are needed or the number of nurses. Work labor will be the biggest cost. He would suggest the information be available by the March vote. J. O’Shaughnessy, Board Attorney is concerned with the way the motion is written that is being voted on. **Moderator Hutwelker called for a 5-minute recess to work on a new amendment.** J. O’Shaughnessy offered the following friendly amendment **MOTION:** B. Drugg-Troy **MOVED** to amend Article Three as follows: **ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for engineering and design work as a result of the district-wide elementary feasibility study. Under “Option 5” The District would consolidate four of its existing elementary schools into one northern school and one southern school, by closing Cutler, Troy and Emerson Schools. A new school would be built for Troy and Emerson students and Mount Caesar would be expanded to accommodate Cutler students. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or June 30, 2023 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **SECOND:** A. Hopkins-Troy. **DISCUSSION:** B. Bohannon-Swanzey explained the School Board had a meeting and amended the motion for Option 5. If there is no available land, then the Troy or Emerson sites would be used. He has a concern this

may be confusing. The Board did not vote to build; this is the first step in the process. It states to build a new school but not sure if it will be on a new site. If we cannot find land, we need an option. B. Bohannon-Swanzey would vote against this amendment. T. Matson-Troy asked if Article 3 is defeated does that mean no study will be done. J. O'Shaughnessy, Board Attorney said Article 3 is specific to Option 5. There are 7 other options and the funds could be found in the budget. R. Colbert-Swanzey said the purpose of the \$250,000.00 is for the engineering and design work to submit to the State for Building Aid which may not be available after a certain date. It is the timing that is critical. This way we go to the head of the line. N. Mosher-Roxbury said it is incredibly early to narrow down options. There are savings with using the Troy School. We are early in the process. He would suggest voting against the amendment. D. Connell-Richmond asked if the 1.4 million from the State and the surplus could be used. L. Witte, Superintendent said the District does not know if we have a surplus. We need to submit to the State by July 1, 2020. We do not have funds in the budget. **B. Bohannon offered a friendly amendment as follows: ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for engineering and design work as a result of the district-wide elementary feasibility study. Under "Option 5 as amended by the School Board on 12/18/19" The District would consolidate four of its existing elementary schools into one northern school and one southern school, by closing Cutler, Troy and Emerson Schools. A new school would be built for Troy and Emerson students and Mount Caesar would be expanded to accommodate Cutler students. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or June 30, 2023 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) SECOND: R. Colbert-Swanzey. DISCUSSION: B. Drugg- Troy agreed with the strike out but not the note regarding the amendment statement. B. Bohannon, Swanzey commented the intention is to add the ability to build on a new site or on Troy or Fitzwilliam. L. Steadman, Troy offered a friendly amendment as follows: MOTION: L. Steadman MOVED to amend Article Three as follows: ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for engineering and design work as a result of the district-wide elementary feasibility study. The design work will focus on the School Board recommendation to consolidate into a new northern school and a southern elementary school for Troy and Emerson at an undetermined site which may include either existing site or a new site. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article**

per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or June 30, 2023 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) SECOND: The motion fails for a lack of a second. B. Drugg-Troy commented you would need the backing of the entire Board for this amendment because that is not what happened. L. Witte, Superintendent read the Letter of Intent which was sent to the State. The letter stated 4 of the schools would be consolidated into 2 schools. There were no specifics and no new site mentioned. B. Drugg-Troy said the letter does not mention adding on to the existing schools. L. Witte, Superintendent said it is not unusual that it may be different. Making design changes after may not make a difference. D. Coffman-Swanzey commented the Feasibility Study was \$29,000.00 and the HL Turner reports altogether total \$50,000.00. He suggested getting on with it. N. Moriarty-Richmond said no means no. **MOTION:** B. Faulkner-Swanzey **MOVED** to call the question on the amendment. **SECOND:** D. Bersaw-Richmond **VOTE:** Card Vote: 50 yes no 14. **Motion passes. MOTION:** M. Foley-Swanzey **MOVED** to amend Article Three to the amount of \$1.00. **SECOND:** W. Lechluder-Swanzey. **DISCUSSION:** W. Lechluder-Swanzey asked what happens if the towns withdraw. Thoughts about towns leaving the District, such as Troy and Fitzwilliam. R. Colbert-Swanzey explained the Board and the Budget Committee spoke about this earlier. He said we have not had any indication of anyone leaving. The \$250,000.00 is a one-time expense. You are putting the cart before the horse. In the planning we tried to accommodate every town. This was the best option with what we know. M. Fowley-Swanzey asked if we want to look at the future of the District. P. Sherring-Swanzey said we have not heard from the towns regarding this issue. We need to have this for the State. T. Matson-Troy read the Troy Paper and there is opposition from Troy. J. O'Shaughnessy commented even if the article is amended to \$1.00 the Board is able to transfer funds to cover the cost. D. Coffman-Swanzey said the Board could use the surplus. L. Witte is not sure there will be a surplus. This is not a budgeted item. B. Bohannon-Swanzey explained the leg work is done. This is the first step. No one has said they are leaving. We can deal with the fact we have a lot of work to do. This is the first step. **MOTION:** P. Sherring-Swanzey **MOVED** to call the question. **SECOND:** D. Coffman-Swanzey **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes. VOTE on the amendment:** Hand Count-Yes-14. **Amendment fails. MOTION:** S. Peters-Troy **MOVED** to amend Article Three as follows: **To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for engineering and design work as a result of the district-wide elementary feasibility study. Under "Option 5" The District would consolidate four of its existing elementary schools into one northern school and one southern school, by closing Cutler, Troy and Emerson Schools; a new or expanded**

school would be built for Troy and Emerson students and Mount Caesar would be expanded to accommodate Cutler students. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or June 30, 2023 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote) **SECOND:** N. Moriarty-Richmond **DISCUSSION:** B. Drugg-Troy asked why the Board chose Option 5 when the architect chose Option 8. S. Peters asked what if we do not identify a site. B. Drugg-Troy commented there was an option from the architect for Option 8 why not go with Option 8. S. Peters said there were 2 votes on Dec. 18, 2019 Option 5. The question was what if we cannot identify a site than the Troy or Emerson sites were discussed and voted on. B. Bohannon-Swanzey said he did not want us to be put in a certain position. We understand the concerns of both Troy and Fitzwilliam. B. Drugg-Troy again commented we had a recommendation from the architect and why did the Board not choose Option 8. R. Colbert-Swanzey said the Board disagreed with the expert. The architect spoke of the architectural beauty of the Troy School. The Board did not agree with a remodel or a three story school in Troy. Option 8 was never discussed at the Facilities Committee. B. Drugg-Troy does not believe the Board will get the support for this motion. **MOTION:** D. Bersaw-Richmond **MOVED** to call the question. **SECOND:** N. Moriarty-Richmond **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** N. Moriarty-Richmond **MOVED** Article Three to the ballot as amended. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon-Swanzey. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes, **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** E. Kaplan-Gilsum **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration on Article Two and Article Three. **SECOND:** A. Hopkins-Troy. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$240,000 for maintenance and repair work at all of the District's schools. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the maintenance projects are complete or June 30, 2023 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** R. Colbert-Swanzey **MOVED** Article Four to the ballot as written. **SECOND:** S. Peters-Troy. **DISCUSSION:** R. Colbert-Richmond explained these are items that need to be done. We are not sure if we have a consolidated project. W. Lechlinder-Swanzey would suggest changing "Schools" to "Buildings". J. O'Shaughnessy said an amendment does not have to be a dollar amount but it has to be the same subject matter. Moderator Hutwelker agreed with J.

O'Shaughnessy that the subject matter is being changed. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty-Richmond **MOVED** to amend the motion and change "Schools" to "Buildings".
SECOND: D. Bersaw-Richmond **DISCUSSION:** J. O'Shaughnessy explained this changes the subject matter. Moderator Hutwelker called the amendment out of order.
MOTION: N. Moriarty-Richmond **MOVED** Moderator Hutwelker's decision out of order. **SECOND:** A. Wallace-Richmond. **VOTE:** Voice vote fails. **Motion fails.**
MOTION: D. Bersaw-Richmond **MOVED** to amend the motion in the amount of \$240,001.00 **SECOND:** M. Foley-Swanzey. **DISCUSSION:** It was explained the Budget Committee can change their support or not support of the article only if the dollar amount changes. **MOTION:** B. Bohannon-Swanzey **MOVED** to call the question on the amendment. **SECOND:** S. Peters-Troy. **VOTE: yes-18 and no-32. Motion fails.**
MOTION: S. Peters-Swanzey **MOVED** Article Four to the ballot as printed. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon-Swanzey. **VOTE:** Voice vote-yes. **Motion passes.**
MOTION: E. Kaplan-Gilsum **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Four. **SECOND:** S. Peters-Swanzey. **VOTE:** Voice Vote-yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2020 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No new amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board supports/does not support this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** K. Noonan-Fitzwilliam **MOVED** to move Article Five to the ballot as written. **SECOND:** M. Szymcik-Swanzey. **VOTE:** Voice vote-yes. **Motion passes.**
MOTION: E. Kaplan-Gilsum **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Five. **SECOND:** K. Noonan-Fitzwilliam. **VOTE:** Voice Vote-yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the school district will vote to discontinue the 2009 School Bldg Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** W. Wright-Fitzwilliam **MOVED** Article Six to the ballot as printed. **SECOND:** N. Moriarty-Richmond. **VOTE:** Voice Vote-yes. **Motion passes.**
MOTION: E. Kaplan-Gilsum **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Six. **SECOND:** K. Noonan-Fitzwilliam. **VOTE:** Voice Vote-yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the school district will vote to establish a District Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of purchasing new or replacement vehicles and to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 from its unassigned fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2020, to be placed in the fund; further to name the school board as agents to expend from the fund. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** B. Tatro-Swanzey **MOVED** Article Seven to the ballot as printed. **SECOND:** M. Szymcik-Swanzey. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** W. Lechluder-Swanzey **MOVED** to amend Article Seven by changing the dollar amount to \$50,001.00. **SECOND:** A. Wallace-Richmond. **VOTE:** Voice Vote-no. **Amendment fails.** **VOTE:** Voice vote-yes. **Motion passes.**
MOTION: E. Kaplan-Gilsum **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Seven. **SECOND:** M. Szymcik-Swanzey. **VOTE:** Voice Vote-yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the school district will vote to establish a School Grounds Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of funding improvements to school grounds and parking lots and to raise and appropriate up to \$60,000 from its unassigned fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2020, to be placed in the fund; further to name the school board as agents to expend from the fund. If there is an insufficient, unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2020, to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article SEVEN, then Article SEVEN will be funded first, with any additional unassigned fund balance to be applied to this warrant article. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** E. Stanley-Swanzey **MOVED** Article Eight to the ballot as printed. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon-Swanzey. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** W. Lechluder-Swanzey **MOVED** to amend Article Eight by changing the amount to \$60,001.00. **SECOND:** A. Wallace-Richmond. **VOTE on amendment:** Voice Vote-no. **Amendment fails.** **DISCUSSION:** D. Bersaw-Richmond commented it is clear the administration and the School Board feel there will be a surplus. B. Bohannon-Swanzey commented we have no expectation of a surplus. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty-Richmond **MOVED** Article Eight to the ballot as printed. **SECOND:** W. Wright-Fitzwilliam. **VOTE:** Voice vote-yes. **Motion passes.**
MOTION: E. Kaplan-Gilsum **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Eight. **SECOND:** K. Noonan-Fitzwilliam. **VOTE:** Voice Vote-yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the school district will vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II. Such fund balance retained may only be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergencies to be approved by the Department of Education under RSA 32:11. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** S. Peters-Troy **MOVED** Article Nine to the ballot as printed. **SECOND:** M. Szymcik-Swanzey. **DISCUSSION:** D. Bersaw-Richmond said the Board is requesting a portion of unused funds can be retained by the District. S. Peters-Troy said the towns have been doing this option for years and now it is extended to the schools. D. Connell-Richmond asked who determines an emergency. L. Witte, Superintendent explained the DOE determines the emergency. S. Peters-Troy said you have to apply to the State. **MOTION:** W. Wright-Fitzwilliam **MOVED** to move the question. **SECOND:** N. Moriarty-Richmond **VOTE:** Voice vote-yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE TEN: Whereas a qualified person already works for the Monadnock District as our Security Officer. Should the Monadnock Regional School District spend \$46,725 to hire a Swanzey Police officer to become the Part-time Resource officer in our District, added to the existing Security Officer? By Petition. (Majority vote required). **MOTION:** N. Moriarty-Richmond **MOVED** Article Ten to the ballot as printed. **SECOND:** D. Bersaw-Richmond. **DISCUSSION:** N. Moriarty-Richmond explained the School Board put the SRO in the budget. N. Moriarty-Richmond wanted the SRO on a separate warrant article. This is a petitioned warrant article. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty-Richmond **MOVED** to move the question on Article Ten and move it to the ballot. **SECOND:** S. Peters-Troy. **VOTE:** Voice vote-yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE ELEVEN: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District receive and approve the reports of the agents, auditors, committees and officers chosen as printed and distributed in the Annual Report? (Majority vote required). **MOTION:** B. Bohannon-Swanzey **MOVED** Article Eleven to the ballot as printed. **SECOND:** M. Szymcik-Swanzey. **VOTE:** Voice vote-yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE TWELVE: To listen to opinions of a purely advisory nature with regards to the conduct of school affairs for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required). **MOTION:** N. Moriarty-Richmond **MOVED** Article Twelve to the ballot as printed. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** B. Bohannon-Swanzey **MOVED** to

