

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board/Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2018 (corrected 3.27.18)
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Lisa Steadman, Brian Bohannon, Phyllis Peterson, Winston Wright, Karen Wheeler, Betty Tatro, Nick Mosher (only present for Deliberative Session) Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Rob Colbert, Scott Peters (only present for Deliberative Session) Eric Stanley and Bob Mitchell. **Absent:** Neil Moriarty

Budget Committee Members Present: Wayne Lechluder, Adam Hopkins, Wayne LaCoste, Tom Parker, Kristen Goodenough, Dan Coffman, Wendy Martel, Tom Matson, Doug Bersau.

Also present: L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Rathbun, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Jim O'Shaughnessey, School Board Attorney and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary

L. Steadman called the meeting to order at 9:37AM.

1. Assignment of Warrant Articles: L. Steadman asked the Board Members if they would like to speak on specific warrant article. The assignments are as followed: Article One, W. Wright, Article Two, B. Bohannon, Article Three, P. Peterson, Article Four, B. Tatro, Article Five, C. McDaniel-Thomas, Article Six, B. Mitchell and Article Seven, L. Steadman.

L. Steadman called for a recess at 9:51 AM while the School Board and the Budget Committee attend the Deliberative Session.

The Budget Committee deliberates after the Deliberative Session.

W. Martel, D. Bersau and T. Matson arrive during the Deliberative Session.

MOTION: D. Bersau **MOVED** to not support Article Six the MDEA Contract.

SECOND: Fails for lack of second. D. Bersau said he would rather see Article Seven the MESSA Contract pass. **This motion was out of order upon legal advice.**

MOTION: D. Bersau **MOVED** to support Article Seven the MESSA Contract.

SECOND: T. Matson. **DISCUSSION:** D. Bersau said he read over the contract and it is a reasonable contract. It will help the lowest paid employees on the pay scale. D. Coffman is not the agreement he is against but the fact the Budget Committee did not receive the contract until 2 days before the Budget Committee had to vote. W. LaCoste said he is agreeing in part but you are punishing the wrong people. W. Martel commented who is at fault. D. Coffman is against the process. They need to follow the rules. K. Goodenough did speak to M. Alexander and because J. Fortson was not here there was an

issue regarding a spreadsheet. **VOTE:** W. Martel-yes, D. Bersau-yes, T. Matson-yes, K. Goodenough-yes, T. Parker-abstain, W. LaCoste-yes, A. Hopkins-yes, D. Coffman-no and W. Lechlinder-no. **Motion passes. This motion was out of order upon legal advice.**

MOTION: K. Goodenough **MOVED** to support Article Three with the addition of the repairs to Troy School for a total warrant article in the amount of \$330,000.00.

SECOND: W. LaCoste. **DISCUSSION:** K. Goodenough said it is a cheap fix for now.

VOTE: Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

The Budget Committee Adjourns: The Budget Committee adjourned their meeting at 1:30 PM.

The Board deliberates after the Deliberative Session.

R. Colbert, E. Stanley, Scott Peters and N. Mosher arrive during the Deliberative Session. N. Mosher and S. Peters only stay for the Deliberative Session

MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the manifest in the amount of **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 10.714/0/0/2.286. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: K. Wheeler **MOVED** to support Article Three with the addition of the repairs to Troy for a total warrant article in the amount of \$330,000.00. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** W. Wright commented on the list of items in need of repair but not written out in the article. It was explained the amount is in the article and the funds could be used for other items at Troy. **VOTE:** 8.471/0/2.243/2.286. **Motion passes.**

Articles in Plain English: The Board received copies of the articles in plain English. P. Peterson had commented that the tax impact had been made available to the voters last year. L. Witte said it is difficult due to so many variables. It opens up the District to criticism. J. O'Shaughnessey said some towns had done it until it was deemed unlawful. He would advise the Board not to provide the tax impact unless it was in a warrant article requesting the information. L. Witte will send a letter to the editor to explain why the administration did not provide the tax impact information. The Board reviewed the articles in plain English. Article Three will have the amount changed to \$330,000.00 and add the wording "repairs at Troy", Article Four will state there is approximately \$350,000.00 in the Special Education Expendable Trust, Article Six will be corrected the previous contract expired in 2016 not 2015 and Article Seven will be corrected to state "supported by the Budget Committee". **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to accept the warrant articles in Plain English as changed. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 10.714/0/0/2.286. **Motion passes.**

1:52 PM Motion to enter into Non-Public Session: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person unless such person requests an open meeting; however, this cannot be used to protect a person who is a

member of your Board, Committee or Subcommittee. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 10.714/0/0/2.286 **Motion passes.**

Public Session: MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to seal the February 3, 2018 1:52 PM Non-Public Meeting Minutes indefinitely. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.714/0/0/2.286. **Motion passes.**

The School Board Adjourns: Motion to adjourn: MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 2:30PM. **SECOND:** B. Tatro **VOTE:** 10.71/0/0/2.286 **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
MRSD Recording Secretary