

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board/Budget Committee Pre/Post Deliberative Session Meeting Minutes**  
**February 4, 2022 (Not Yet Approved)**  
**Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

**Board Members Present: Pre-Deliberative:** Scott Peters, Lisa Steadman, Betty Tatro, Michelle Connor, Dan LeClair, Brian Bohannon, Eric Stanley, Jeff Cesaitis, Jennifer Strimbeck and Kristen Noonan. **Absent:** Colleen Toomey, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas and Nick Mosher.

**Budget Committee Members Present: Pre-Deliberative:** Wayne Lechliden, Adam Hopkins, Phyllis Peterson, John Hoden, Nancy Carney and Ed Sheldon. **Absent:** Anne Marie Osheyack, Robert Audette, Doug Bersaw, Dan Coffman, Richard HKS Thackston and unassigned seats from Gilsum and Roxbury.

**Administration Present:** L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Rathbun, Assistant Superintendent and J. Morin, Business Administrator

**Also Present:** J. O'Shaughnessy, Board's Attorney and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

**Pre-Deliberative Information:** The Board and the Budget Committee would like to stand together on the Warrant Articles at the Deliberative Session. A School Board Member will move the warrant article and a Budget Committee Member will second it. **Article One-Bond:** S.Peters-W. Lechliden, **Article Two-Budget:** B. Tatro-E. Sheldon, **Article Three Roof:** E. Stanley-J. Hoden, **Article Four-MESSA Contract:** L. Steadman-A. Hopkins, **Article Five Special Education Expendable Trust:** K. Noonan-P. Peterson, **Article Six Vehicle Expendable Trust:** B. Bohannon-N. Carney and **Article Seven Auditor's Reports:** J. Cesaitis-A. Hopkins.

**DISCUSSION:** S.Peters asked if the amount in the Bond Warrant Article could be adjusted. Attorney J. O'Shaughnessy explained that it could be changed. There could be a change which could make the article null and void. He said that it was drafted with the Bond Council and they do not like it to be amended. L. Steadman asked if the article has potential to be canceled would he comment. Attorney O'Shaughnessy said yes.

S.Peters explained that the Board will present the Bond Presentation. K. Barker will be present for any questions. W. Lechliden commented that people will be concerned with how much they will have to pay for the project. We have to make it clear that there will be savings. We need to reach the people that are not attending the Deliberative Session.

J. O'Shaughnessy was asked if the Town of Swanzey gave the School District the Cutler School if it is closed does the School District have to give it back to the town. J. O'Shaughnessy said all schools are part of the coop. They merge all together.

J. O'Shaughnessy explained that the Board must provide factual documents, address the tax and the scope of the Elementary School Renovation Project. You cannot be persuasive. As an individual you can do what you want.

S.Peters mentioned that the Listening Sessions are coming up next week and the following week.

**S.Peters recessed the meeting until the Deliberative Session at 10:00 AM on February 4, 2023 in the auditorium.**

## **DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

**Post-Deliberative Session: School Board Members Present:** Scott Peters, Brian Bohannon, Betty Tatro, Michelle Connor, Kristen Noonan, Jennifer Strimbeck, Jeff Cesaitis, Lisa Steadman, Eric Stanley and Dan LeClair. **Absent:** Nick Mosher, Colleen Toomey and Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas .

**Administration Present:** L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Rathbun, Assistant Superintendent, C. Woods, Director of Student Services, J. Morin, Business Manager and C.Czifrik, Director of Technology

**No action was taken by the Board after the Deliberative Session.**

**The Board Members left after the Deliberative with no adjournment motion made.**

**Post-Deliberative Session: Budget Committee Members Present:** Ed Sheldon, Nancy Carney, Doug Bersaw, Richard HKS Thackston, Adam Hopkins, Jon Hoden, AnneMarie Osheyack, Robert Audette, Phyllis Peterson, and Wayne Lechliden. **Absent:** Dan Coffman, and unassigned seats of Gilsum and Roxbury.

**No action was taken by the Budget Committee after the Deliberative Session.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Budget Committee Meeting at 10:24 AM.  
**SECOND:** N. Carney **VOTE:** Unanimous for those. **Motion passes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Laura L. Aivaliotis**  
**Recording Secretary**