

State of New Hampshire
Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
Warrant for 2017-2018
School Board/Budget Committee Meeting Deliberative Session Minutes
February 4, 2017

School Board Members: Nicholas Mosher, Bob Mitchell, Phyllis Peterson, Scott Peters, Michael Blair, James Carnie, Winston Wright, Lisa Steadman, Karen Wheeler, Eric Stanley, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Rob Colbert, and Betty Tatro.

Budget Committee Members: Wayne Lechluder, Neil Moriarty, Wayne LaCoste, Tom Matson, Wendy Martel, Brian Bohannon, Dan Coffman, Bonnie Black and Adam Hopkins

Administration Present: L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Rathbun, Dir. of Curriculum and Assessment, C. Woods, Dir. of Students Services, J. Fortson Business Administrator, D. LaPointe Facilities Director and J. Longood, Coordinator of Student Services.

Principals Present: M. Suarez-Mt. Caesar, A. Salzmman-Cutler, K. Stone-Emerson/Troy, A. Noel-Gilsum, L. Kalloger-MSHS, and L. Stephens, Assistant Principal-Emerson/Troy.

Also Present: Jim O'Shaughnessy, Attorney for the Board and District, William Hutwelker, Moderator, Keith Thibault, Assistant to Moderator, M. Cloutier, School District Clerk and L. Aivaliotis, MRSD Recording Secretary.

W. Lechluder introduced the Budget Committee Members present. The School Board introduced themselves to the audience.

W. Hutwelker introduced Jay Kahn-State Representative, Bruce Tatro-State Representative and Barry Faulkner-State Representative.

L. Witte thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She introduced her administrative team and principals.

W. Hutwelker recognized the teachers, paraprofessionals and staff for all their work in the District. The audience gave a round of applause.

J. Kahn-State Representative asked to address the audience and let them know the number of Bills he is working on. He said he is working on visiting every school in the District. He attended a kindergarten class at MTC and saw the students engaged in learning. One Bill he is working on is to increase adequacy for kindergarten to 100% which would mean an additional \$330,000.00 for the District. He is also working on a Building Aid Bill and an Alcohol Treatment Bill. He currently goes to Concord 3 days a week and 2 days a week he is working to visit every school in the entire District. He said the kids are great and to keep up the good work.

W. Hutwelker recognized J. Carnie for his 30 years of service on the School Board for the benefit of the students of the MRSD.

W. Hutwelker reminded people the rules for running the meeting had been handed out. He said as a point of order he will recognize the people wishing to speak, cease debate and if anyone is in line they will be allowed to speak. W. Hutwelker will not read each warrant article. The articles are on the screen and in the handout. He reminded the audience that we do not follow Roberts Rules of Order and he will not tolerate personal attacks.

W. Hutwelker led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

W. Hutwelker read the beginning of the Warrant: To the inhabitants of the Cooperative School District in the Towns of Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey and Troy qualified to vote in the District Affairs:

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NOTICE: School District Officers will be elected at the second session of the Annual Meeting of the Monadnock Regional School District on March 14th, 2017 in accordance with the statutory election procedures adopted by a vote of the District on March 11, 1996. The School District Warrant for the election of School District Officials will be posted in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 40:13 in each of the District's member Towns.

The polls will be open to voters in their towns of residence on March 14th, as follows:

**Fitzwilliam – Town Hall, 11 am-7pm
Gilsum – Gilsum Elementary School, 1pm-7pm
Richmond-Veterans Hall, 11am-7pm
Roxbury-Meeting House, 6:30pm-mid-meeting
Swanzey-Christian Life Fellowship Church, 8am-7pm
Troy-Samuel E. Paul Community Center 10am-7pm**

MOTION: T. Matson **MOVED** to discuss Article Six, Collective Bargaining Agreement prior to Article One.
SECOND: P. Bauries. **DISCUSSION:** P. Bauries said this article is so important to the District so we need to

discuss this prior to any other article. Judy asked if there was a way to change the article. R. Mitchell would object and said the budget is important. **Voice Vote: NO. Motion fails.**

ARTICLE ONE: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate in the operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, which will be voted on separately, totaling \$31,423,301 (\$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 \$32,746,272 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 Revised Statutes Annotated (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:** Judy **MOVED** to place Article One on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** P. Shearing. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** M. Diven **MOVED** to change the proposed budget amount to \$32,746,272, which is the same as the Default Budget number. **SECOND:** Man in audience. **DISCUSSION:** Melissa of Swanzeay said she considered the School District when purchasing her home and she would like to protect her property. Judy asked if this number would put Gilsun back in the budget. W. Hutwelker said there is no requirement to do so either way. The Board has a number to work with. B. Mitchell had hoped to move a budget in the amount recommended by the administration. Ray of Richmond said he is concerned with the increase in taxes. J. Chapman of Gilsun said we need to give the students an education but keep in mind the seniors. A good education is important to the towns. If Gilsun leaves we lose the funding. He visited the STEAM Program and was very impressed. Give them the 5 years and vote on the Default. T. Matson commented the Default number will increase the taxes by \$770,000. If you vote for the Budget Committee's budget there will be no tax increase. The Budget Committee's number is a time out to regroup. P. Bauries mentioned the decrease in revenues. She has asked for the tax impact for each article and has not received that information. She thanked seniors for putting 5 generations of students through Monadnock. We need better management and a budget the entire District can afford. A. Bailey is opposed and will vote down the budget. He would agree with the Budget Committee's number. He spoke about the breakfast article and asked how a young family will be able to pay more in taxes if they cannot even feed their family. N. Mosher said families that cannot feed their children do not see the biggest impact. Consider the real effect. There will be blended classrooms and schools closing. P. Shearing said you are trying to change our minds. We have given a 5 year commitment. Do it for the greater good of the kids. W. Lechlinder said he does not support this amendment. Social Security has not seen an increase. The Budget Committee's number is reasonable. We have done the research and do not support this amendment. Bill of Gilsun commented there are numbers being thrown around and he would like to know if they are correct. He is in favor of the amendment and people being taken care of. J. Carnie of Richmond, Chair of the Finance Committee said the Board looked at about 30 scenarios on how to move forward with the budget. We are getting the towns against one another. The lower number does not mean Gilsun will be closed. It is the School Board's decision. Give the voters a choice. Monadnock has one of the highest costs per pupil in the State. We need to attempt to reduce the cost per pupil. He is opposed to the amendment. N. Moriarty is also opposed to the amendment. He said STEAM could be housed at MTC. Give the voters a choice. R. Mitchell commented the Budget Committee Minutes state that they would reduce the budget by \$600,000.00. He would support keeping STEAM open and to find innovative ways to support the school. He would also like to look at the withdrawal process. He is in support of this amendment. A man from Richmond commented enrollment is down and there are a lot of seniors in the region. W. Martel commented the Budget Committee does not control how the budget is spent. You need to look at the additional

articles that total 2 million dollars after this article. W. Lechlinder said the Budget Committee did recommend closing Gilsum. He said this is a poor economy and declining enrollment. We did support all day Kindergarten and the facilities. We need to support the buildings. They need work done on them. The \$31,423,301.00 is reasonable. We cannot pass this amendment. We need to do the renovations at MTC. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to call the question. **SECOND:** Lady in the audience. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes.** (Moderator Hutwelker will allow those standing at the microphone to speak after the question has been called. M. Morrison of Swanzey commented we cannot focus on a State that cannot fund education but to focus on what we are doing. Sypko of Gilsum said to think about the children and to support this article. Moderator Hutwelker said there is nothing being discussed to say we are closing a school. M. Blair informed the public of the budget process. He said the School Board supported the administration's proposed budget recommendation. The School Board supported a larger budget. He said the School Board is in charge of spending the funds and that will not be an easy discussion. **VOTE on the amendment in the amount of \$32,746,272.00. Ballot Vote Yes 116 Ballot Vote No-86. Motion passes.**

MOTION: N. Moriarty **MOVED** to return to the taxpayers of SAU 93 the balance of \$390,000.00 which remains in the Teacher's Health Insurance Pool. **SECOND:** Man in audience. **DISCUSSION:** E. Kaplan asked if is legally allowed while it is under litigation. J. O'Shaughnessy said RSA 40:13 stated you cannot amend or add language but you can change the amendment. Moderator Hutwelker is in support of the opinion from the attorney. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to challenge the moderator and the decision. **SECOND:** W. Lechlinder. **DISCUSSION:** **MOTION:** Man in audience **MOVED** to call the question. **SECOND:** Lady in the audience. **DISCUSSION:** N. Moriarty said this is a valid motion and these funds belong to the taxpayers. The fund was never called a Trust and should not be moved forward. P. Bauries commented last year we added language to Article Eight, language can be added to this article. J. O'Shaughnessy read RSA 40:13 IV-a. **VOTE:** Voice Vote No **Motion fails.**

MOTION: B. Mitchell **MOVED** to recommend the 2017-2018 proposed budget in the amount of \$33,533,269.00, the administration's recommended budget number. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **DISCUSSION:** B. Mitchell said education is not cheap and there are students from low income homes. Students need help and do not receive it at home. He said there was a reduction of 23 students this year. He also stated there was not one property in Swanzey with a tax lien on it. K. Colby stated Swanzey had 6 tax deed sales in 2016. D. Dunahee expressed disappointment to the School Board. They want to know what will be spent. T. Matson said this motion will raise your taxes 1.2 million. When proposed to the Budget Committee this number included a wish list. N. Mosher said we had a long discussion on what to do with the funds. Even with the Default there will be cuts. We want to maintain services and buildings. S. Silverman we have level funded or decreased our town budgets and we have survived. Adding to this article is a mistake. When a young family or older family cannot pay their taxes we all have to pay. S. Fiddle of Swanzey said there are projects in the Town of Swanzey that need to be done more than the school buildings. This building is sucking out of the towns. Enrollment is down and the budget is up. Do not buy into it. A lady from Richmond said the School Board and the teachers are heartless and they do not care about the elderly. We have a steady decline in enrollment. We are paying high per pupil costs. She would like to see the default number lower. Moderator Hutwelker said you cannot change the default number. K. Royce of Swanzey said the student needs are still there but the State funding is decreasing and we are above average on the cost per pupil. B. Blaine of Swanzey said the times are tougher and tighter. We want to be generous with our kids. She would applaud the Budget Committee. We have

more special education students. We need to stick with this figure. A lady from Troy said there is more demand on technology and that includes a lot of teachers. The towns need to help support. **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to call the question. **SECOND:** Lady in the audience. **DISCUSSION:** J. Stroshine has conflicted views. She said there are fixed costs that the School Board has no control of. As painful as it is this is not the place to cut it. P. Shearing said you will not pass a budget higher than the default number. K. Tomer said she is upset with the comments and she has not received a raise. The teachers buy items for the students that are in need. It should not be teachers against voters. T. Matson said if you vote on the 33 million dollar budget it is a guarantee that the other articles will fail. The Budget Committee came in with the number because of the need at the MTC building. N. Moriarty said the average cost per pupil is about \$16,000.00 and the State average is about \$14,000.00. M. Blair explained the budget process. The \$33,533,269 budget is an administration recommendation. D. Coffman of Swanzey said having 200 people here for one day is not enough. We need people to come to the meetings. We need to define the School District. Go to the meetings. Insist on change. We need to resize the District. He does not want to hear his student say the teachers are complaining about the finances of the District. W. Lechlinder said the Budget Committee does not support this number. The School Board needs to show results to reduce costs. **Moderator Hutwelker announced there is a petition for a secret paper ballot. VOTE:** Yes-77 and No-97. **Motion fails. MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to call the question on the amendment in the amount of \$32,746,272.00. **SECOND:** Lady in audience. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes. Moderator Hutwelker declared the amended Article One will be placed on the ballot. MOTION:** E. Kaplan **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article One. **SECOND:** Lady in audience. **VOTE:** Voice vote yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400,000 for renovations, including asbestos abatement and other health and safety upgrades at the Mount Caesar Elementary 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 and will not lapse until the maintenance projects are complete or June 30, 2020 whichever is earlier. The School Board does not support this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required). **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to place Article Two on the ballot in the amount of \$325,000.00. **SECOND:** T. Matson. **DISCUSSION:** N. Moriarty said this would cover the cost for the design, engineering and consulting. He said to do this project in three years. There is no building aid. There is a savings in maintenance and heating due to D. LaPointe. P. Bauries said she does not remember a time when the voters did not support renovations but due to issues there is this conversation. The \$325,000.00 is for each year for the next three years she would hope that it would pass each year. N. Mosher said it would make sense to support we need to take care of what we have. The funds are needed for contractors and scheduling for the work. T. Matson said if it passes he would ask the surrounding towns to vote against it. Take the \$325,000.00 out of the operating budget. **MOTION:** T. Matson **MOVED** to have the \$325,000.00 to come out of the operating budget. **Moderator Hutwelker said the amendment is out of order.** W. Lechlinder does not support this motion. The work needs to be done now. D. Coffman would reject the proposed amendment and leave the number at 1.4 million. D. LaPointe and the team have it down to a science. He would urge the voters to leave it at 1.4 million. He asked why the School Board does not support the 1.4 million. M. Blair said the School Board had a lengthy discussion and a close vote. Some of the members have had a change of heart. There was a discussion around all the articles. It would be a large impact. As we start to think about what this District will look like in the future it is a way to move forward. D. LaPointe and the Maintenance Dept. have saved this District a significant amount of money along with the Business Administrator. P. Shearing asked the

increase for the work next year. K. Craig thanked the School Board, the Budget Committee, teachers and staff. She said there is no choice on Article One and we need to fix our buildings. Judy asked if the State is mandating the asbestos removal. Moderator Hutwelker said no. Steve said the real problem is no Capital Improvement Plan. What is to come next year? He will vote no until the School Board and the Budget Committee have a Capital Improvement Plan for 5 years. **MOTION:** Man in audience **MOVED** to call the question. **SECOND:** Man in audience. **DISCUSSION:** T. Matson said the School Board said they would ask for 1 million dollars a year when the State decided on no Building Aid but they are now asking for 1.4 million dollars. He is not in favor of this article. He would agree with the amendment and take the funds out of the operating budget. **VOTE on amendment: Standing Vote: Yes 64 – No 87. Motion fails. MOTION:** P. Bauries would to raise the 1.4 million for renovations, asbestos removal and health and safety in which \$750,000.00 will come out of the operating budget. J. O’Shaughnessy said this motion cannot be done. **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to amend the motion to \$1,399,999.00 for the renovations to MTC. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **DISCUSSION:** B. Tatro said she has been advised by the attorney to change the number so she could now support the motion. **MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to call the question. **SECOND:** Judy. **DISCUSSION:** T. Matson said this is inconsistency by the School Board. He would say to vote no on the article. M. Blair said if the motion passes the Board will vote again **VOTE: Standing Vote: Yes 82-No 57. Motion passes. MOTION:** J. Fortson **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration on Article Two. **SECOND:** Man in audience. **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 \$193,000 for the continued asbestos abatement for flooring at the Middle/High School and Mt. Caesar and replacing boilers at Emerson. 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 and will not lapse until the maintenance projects are complete or June 30, 2020 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to place Article Three on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes. MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration on Article Three. **SECOND:** E. Kaplan. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE FOUR: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the 2012 Before and After School Expendable Trust Fund created under Article #8 of the 2012-2013 Warrant? The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to place Article Four on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** Man in audience. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson said the balance in the account will be about \$16,000.00 after the drawdown. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes. MOTION:** B. Bohannon **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration on Article Four. **SECOND:** E. Kaplan. **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 \$50,000 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1st, 2017. No new amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required). **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** Article Five to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **DISCUSSION:** J. Fortson explained the balance in the account is \$317,000.00. The funds are in a trust and it will take an action of the Board to have them removed in order to use them.

MOTION: N. Moriarty **MOVED** to call the question. **SECOND:** P. Shearing. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes. Article Five will move to the ballot. MOTION:** M. Blair **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Five. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School Board and the Monadnock District Education Association (MDEA) for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels.

The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase:	
2017-18	\$223,301	Salaries (2.64% increase)
	\$-80,000	Removal of the Sixth Class Stipend
	\$ 3,000	Increase in stipend for teaching two grades
	\$ 25,000	Retiree Insurance for two years each up to 5 retirees
	\$151,447	Insurance (Guaranteed Maximum Rate increase of 11.3%)
	\$ 6,500	Stipend for overnight trips
	\$ 8,150	Additional costs for professional development
	\$ 10,000	Increase for tuition reimbursement
	\$ 6,380	Increase for Unused leave days paid out at \$20.00 per day
	\$ 600	Increase in stipend for class coverage/substitute
	<u>\$ 66,084</u>	Wage-driven benefits (Social Security, NHRS, etc.)
\$420,462	Salaries and Benefits	
2018-19	\$206,005	Salaries (2.38% increase)
	\$150,723	Insurance (Calculated using a 7% increase)
	\$ 25,000	Retiree Insurance for two years each up to 5 retirees
	<u>\$51,707</u>	Wage-driven benefits (Social Security, NHRS, etc.)
	\$433,435	Salaries and Benefits
2019-20	\$ 239,188	Salaries (2.7% increase)
	\$158,764	Insurance (Calculated using a 7% increase)
	<u>\$ 60,036</u>	Wage-driven benefits (Social Security, NHRS, etc.)
	\$457,988	Salaries and Benefits

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$420,462** for the 2017-18 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2016-17 year. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not support this appropriation. (Majority vote required) **MOTION:** T. Matson. **MOVED** Article Six to be placed on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** Lady in audience. **DISCUSSION:** W. Lechlinder said the Budget

Committee does not support this motion. The contract did not pass last year and this is a new contract with a bigger increase. The issues are the amounts of the other articles. He is not in support of this article. **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to reduce the Health Care in Year One of the contract in the amount of \$151,447.00 and to reduce the Health Care in Year Two of the contract in the amount of \$150,723.00. The funds to cover the health insurance in the contract for Year One and Year Two will come from the Health Insurance Pool. **SECOND:** N. Moriarty. **DISCUSSION:** P. Bauries said we appreciate the teachers, we have a contract we want to pass and these funds are for insurance. We are asking to use the funds for that purpose. **Moderator Hutwelker ruled the motion out of order.** J. O'Shaughnessy said it is his legal opinion you cannot change the cost items on the contract. They will be on the ballot. This is an improper amendment. J. O'Shaughnessy read the RSA to support his opinion. P. Shearing asked where in the RSA does it say you cannot use those funds. J. O'Shaughnessy said those funds may not be available. J. Carnie said there is nothing in the statute, where is the source. The motion is not attempting to change the cost. The change is to stipulate where the funds are coming from. It does not change the contract. Bruce Tatro said any effort to change the contract will constitute an unfair labor practice. The \$300,000.00 is not up for grabs. J. Carnie said it is not an unknown source it is in a fund. The \$394,000.00 was placed there to cover health care. It is not in litigation. It currently sits in arbitration. It is non-binding. It should have been placed in a non-lapsing fund. The last contract was stipulated to be used specifically for that. D. Coffman of Swanzey suggested moving forward and to vote in March. We made a bad deal and we need to be smart moving forward. L. Steadman said during negotiations this issue to use the funds in the Health Ins. Pool was never discussed. N. Moriarty said the insurance should have been voted in during the negotiations of this contract. J. Carnie commented on the increase of the contract from the last contract which was rejected by the voters. There is no way this contract will pass. B. Tatro said she supports this article. They negotiated in a good faith effort. S. Peters of Troy was on the Negotiating Team and said it was great working together with the Union. He explained how they worked together and what was discussed. It was a true give and take. A lady from Richmond said her property taxes are up. We need to get control of the cost per pupil. E. Kaplan said if the contract passes he will take a pay cut and will pay more in insurance due to the policy he chose. T. Matson said a 3 year contract gives each teacher a \$15,846.00 raise. P. Bauries said it will be a default budget and the voters will not be able to support this contract. It is sad to see. P. Bauries cannot support the contract. B. Lane of Swanzey will be voting down the contract. L. Steadman explained the major cost is the health insurance increase. There are more in raises but not more teachers. There is a 2 step increase in the first year. K. Tomer of Swanzey explained the steps and said no one is getting a \$15,000.00 raise. She wants to be able to pay her taxes as well. M. Diven asked where would we be without teachers. It is a much tougher job. She asked if the District had a grant writer. **MOTION:** P. Shearing **MOVED** to call the question. **SECOND:** Man in audience. **Moderator Hutwelker declared Article Six to be placed on the ballot.** **MOTION:** E. Kaplan **MOVED** to restrict reconsideration of Article Six. **SECOND:** P. Shearing. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE SEVEN: 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:** P. Shearing **MOVED** to place Article Seven on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** N. Moriarty. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE EIGHT: 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:** Man in audience **MOVED** to place Article Eight on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** Man in audience. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes.**

ARTICLE NINE: Whereas the current School Board Policy BCA item #10 reads: “when the Board has made a final decision, members of the Board should take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration; and refrain from private actions which undermine or compromise official Board action.” Will the voters of Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD) vote to have the MRSD school board delete BCA item #10 – to provide freedom of speech as provided by the Bill of Rights – Amendment One, in our United States Constitution? (Majority Vote required). **By Petition. MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to place Article Nine on the ballot as presented. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes.**

Motion to adjourn: MOTION: N. Moriarty **MOVED** to adjourn the Deliberative Session at 2:20PM. **SECOND:** B. Bohannon. **VOTE:** Voice Vote yes. **Motion passes. The Meeting will continue on March 14, 2017 at the Voting Session.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis,

Recording Secretary