

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board/Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2016 (Not Yet Approved)
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Lisa Steadman, James Carnie, Phyllis Peterson, Winston Wright, Karen Wheeler, Mike Blair, Betty Tatro, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Rob Colbert, Eric Stanley and Bob Mitchell.

Budget Committee Members Present: Wayne Lechluder, Neil Moriarty, Adam Hopkins, Wayne LaCoste, Brian Bohannon and Dan Coffman.

Also present: L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Fortson, Business Administrator, Jim O'Shaughnessy, School Board Attorney and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary

M. Blair called the meeting to order at 9:10AM.

1. Preparation for Deliberative Session: A question was asked regarding Article Six, The Collective Bargaining Agreement. J. O'Shaughnessy stated the item is dollar specific and there is no opportunity for the body to amend Article Six. To his understanding there is no legal opportunity to change the figures. This is the bodies meeting. N. Moriarty said this meeting is to have knowledge. M. Blair said the Deliberative Session is not a marketing avenue. We are not going to rehash the School Board and Budget Committee Minutes. L. Steadman commented no one on the Negotiating Committee is allowed to speak against the contract. J. Carnie said it is the right of the public to be informed. J. O'Shaughnessy reminded the members of the process of moving an article to the ballot for the vote in March. He does not anticipate any problems. He said the moderators concern was an attempt to change the numbers in the contract, which is not allowed. J. Carnie commented there is nothing in the law that does not allow an amendment. L. Steadman said it would be ideal for the Board to be united at the Deliberative. **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** for reconsideration of Article Two, MTC renovations. **SECOND:** L. Steadman. **DISCUSSION:** K. Wheeler would like to wait until after the Deliberative Session to reconsider. C. McDaniel-Thomas felt it is important to do this before the Deliberative Session. J. O'Shaughnessy said you cannot change the support or not support now. You are stuck with your decision. J. Fortson asked what if you change the dollar amount and then both the Board and Budget Committee would have to vote again. M. Blair said the motion was out of order unless it is changed at the Deliberative Session. J. Fortson would like to remind the Board and the Budget Committee if there are any number changes there will have to be another vote. M. Blair commented that there are members who want to make changes in the District but that cannot be done in 2 weeks. It will harm the education of the children in the District. We need to have a long term plan. J. Carnie commented this Board is not necessarily unified regarding the contract. L. Steadman commented the Board voted unanimously for the new committee. We need to work professionally together. W. LaCoste commented something needs to be done. We have Board Members changing their minds on articles. D. Coffman said we need a long term approach. The committee's membership changes, we need to do something now. We need to get the Gilsum School out of the budget. He would rather deal with that than reduce extra-curricular activities.

Some decisions we need to make to help teachers and students. K. Wheeler commented if you cut Gilsum you also cut staff and other extra-curricular according to the scenarios.

M. Blair 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.

Budget Committee Members present: N. Moriarty, W. Lechlinder, W. Martel, A. Hopkins, B. Black, W. LaCoste, D. Coffman, T. Matson and B. Bohannon.

MOTION: T. Matson **MOVED** not to support Article One, the 2017-2018 proposed budget in the amount of \$32,746,272.00 as amended at the Deliberative Session. **SECOND:** A. Hopkins **VOTE:** N. Moriarty-yes, W. Lechlinder-yes, W. Martel-yes, B. Black-yes, W. LaCoste-yes, D. Coffman-yes, T. Matson-yes, A. Hopkins-yes and B. Bohannon-no. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: D. Coffman **MOVED** to support Article Two Renovations to MTC in the amount of \$1,399,999.00 as amended at the Deliberative Session. **SECOND:** W. Lechlinder. **VOTE:** N. Moriarty-abstain, W. Martel-abstain, T. Matson-no, W. Lechlinder-yes, B. Bohannon-yes, D. Coffman-yes, B. Black-yes, W. LaCoste-yes, A. Hopkins-yes. **Motion passes.**

The Budget Committee Adjourns: Motion to adjourn: MOTION: N. Moriarty **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 PM. **SECOND:** D. Coffman **VOTE:** Unanimous for Budget Committee present. **Motion passes.**

The Board deliberates after the Deliberative Session.

Board Members present: S. Peters, L. Steadman, K. Wheeler, C. McDaniel-Thomas, R. Colbert, B. Mitchell, E. Stanley, M. Blair, B. Tatro W. Wright

MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** to support Article One the 2017-2018 proposed budget in the amount of \$32,746,272.00 as amended at the Deliberative Session. **SECOND:** K. Wheeler **VOTE:** 7.356/3.241/0/2.403 **Motion passes.**

MOTION: B. Mitchell **MOVED** to support Article Two MTC Renovations in the amount of \$1,399,999.00 as amended at the Deliberative Session. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 9.840/0/.757/2.403. **Motion passes.**

The School Board Adjourns: Motion to adjourn: MOTION: S. Peters **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 2:36PM. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis

MRSD Recording Secretary