

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board/Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 6, 2016**  
**Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Pat Bauries, Lisa Steadman, James Carnie, Barry Faulkner, Phyllis Peterson, Winston Wright, Karen Wheeler, Mike Blair, Betty Tatro, Nicholas Mosher, Scott Peters, Bob Mitchell and Joseph Smith.

**Budget Committee Members Present:** Kristen Goodenough, Wayne Lechliden, Neil Moriarty, Tom Parker, Adam Hopkins, Wendy Martel, Dan Coffman and Bonnie Black,

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

B. Faulkner called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

**1. Preparation for Deliberative Session:** J. Fortson explained they were late to the State on the wording and the DRA came back with wording changes to give to the Budget Committee and School Board. Article Five the Emergency Expendable Trust was cleaned up by the DRA. J. Fortson explained the changes. This Article will have to be amended to reflect the changes at the Deliberative Session. **MOTION:** J. Smith **MOVED** to accept Article Five as amended. **SECOND:** B. Mitchell. **VOTE:** All-yes, J. Carnie-abstain. **Motion passes. K. Goodenough and W. Martel arrive.** Article Six is the discontinuation of the 1975 Capital Reserve Fund and to transfer the funds to a 2009 Capital Reserve. The DRA did not agree and changed the wording. The balance of the 1975 Capital Reserve in the amount of \$1,475.00 will go to the general fund if the article passes. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to accept Article Six as amended. **SECOND:** J. Smith. **VOTE:** All-yes, J. Carnie-abstain. **Motion passes.** Article Seven the MDEA Agreement changes were suggested to the wording from DRA. The amount of insurance to come from the \$510,000.00 is to be stated in each year of the contract. DRA asked for the removal of paragraph two and three as well. **MOTION:** J. Smith **MOVED** to accept Article Seven as amended. **SECOND:** B. Mitchell. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie said the amounts were not warned at the Public Hearing. The amounts were not warned in a timely fashion which is a direct violation of statute. J. Carnie read the statute. B. Mitchell said at the Public Hearing it was referenced that the funds would come from the unassigned fund balance of \$510,000.00, the source of funding. D. Coffman asked if the committee is considering another hearing. W. Lechliden said there has to be notice. W. Lechliden does not agree with B. Mitchell just because we spoke of it does not suffice. J. Fortson explained the amount was warned in paragraph two and three which the DRA then asked to have removed. K. Goodenough said the details were in the paragraphs and now they are in detail below. J. Carnie said the amounts for the health insurance were not included at the Public Hearing and that is a violation under the PELRB Act. B. Mitchell said these funds have been raised and appropriated. J. Carnie said they were raised but not appropriated. P. Bauries said they were raised but no defined distribution. The funds belong to the taxpayers. We do not need to raise the \$89,257.00. W. Lechliden said we need the contract information prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. J. Carnie said the \$510,000.00 is not in a non-lapsing

fund. It is an attempt to carry forward in a contract. This is an effort to carry to the next year without the voters voting on it. The funds were clearly defined in the contract. The funds end on June 30, 2016. There is no Evergreen Clause. J. O'Shaughnessy said we are proposing to carry some of it than a non-lapsing fund next year. J. O'Shaughnessy said it should have been in a non-lapsing fund. J. Carnie said that is not a good solution. This affects the tax rate. J. O'Shaughnessy said we are arguing about semantics. B. Mitchell said all presented insurance is funded by the \$510,000.00. J. Carnie said it does not specify. D. Coffman commented we need to move on. J. O'Shaughnessy said it does solve the complicated problem but it is not pretty. N. Moriarty commented on the Stay at Home Rule. J. O'Shaughnessy said the subject matter has not changed. **MOTION:** B. Mitchell **MOVED** to call for the vote. **SECOND:** J. Smith **VOTE:** B. Faulkner-yes, J. Smith-yes, B. Mitchell-yes, L. Steadman-yes, K. Wheeler-no, N. Mosher-abstain, J. Carnie-no, P. Bauries-no, P. Peterson-no, B. Tatro-yes, M. Blair-yes, W. Wright-no and S. Peters-yes. **Motion fails.** **DISCUSSION:** W. Lechliden said the Budget Committee does not support this article. B. Faulkner said the Board has a good faith issue. J. Carnie said to return the \$510,000.00 to the taxpayers and put the actual cost, the true cost. **VOTE:** B. Faulkner-yes, J. Smith-yes, B. Mitchell-yes, L. Steadman-yes, K. Wheeler-abstain, N. Mosher-abstain, J. Carnie-no, P. Bauries-abstain, P. Peterson-no, B. Tatro-yes, M. Blair-abstain, W. Wright-yes and S. Peters-yes. **Motion passes.**

**B. Faulkner called for a recess while the School Board and the Budget Committee attend the Deliberative Session.**

**The School Board and the Budget Committee return from the Deliberative Session.**

**MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** not to support Article One.  
**SECOND:** D. Coffman. **VOTE:** N. Moriarty-yes, W. Lechliden-yes, W. Martel-yes, B. Black-yes, T. Parker-yes, D. Coffman-yes, A. Hopkins-yes and K. Goodenough-no. **Motion passes.**

**Budget Committee Adjourns: Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 PM. **SECOND:** T. Parker. **VOTE:** Unanimous for Budget Committee present. **Motion passes.**

**M. Blair, S. Peters and J. Carnie did not return to the meeting after the Deliberative Session.**

**MOTION:** B. Mitchell **MOVED** to accept Article One as amended at the Deliberative Session.  
**SECOND:** L. Steadman. **VOTE:** B. Mitchell-yes, J. Smith-yes, K. Wheeler-yes, N. Mosher-yes, P. Bauries-no, L. Steadman-yes, B. Tatro-yes, P. Peterson-yes, B. Faulkner-yes and W. Wright-yes. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to accept Article Five as amended at the Deliberative Session. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** J. Smith **MOVED** to accept Article Six as amended at the Deliberative Session. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to accept Article Seven as amended at the Deliberative Session. **SECOND:** B. Mitchell. **VOTE:** K. Wheeler-no, P. Bauries-abstain, N. Mosher-abstain, W. Wright-yes, J. Smith-yes, B. Faulkner-yes, B. Mitchell-yes, L. Steadman-yes, P. Peterson-yes and B. Tatro-yes. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** J. Smith **MOVED** to authorize the CRC Chair to put the warrant articles in plain English to the extent as necessary to reflect the numbers and wording changes that took place at the Deliberative Session. **SECOND:** B. Mitchell. **VOTE:** *P. Bauries leaves the meeting*, N. Mosher-abstain, P. Peterson-yes, B. Tatro-yes, K. Wheeler-yes, L. Steadman-yes, W. Wright-yes, J. Smith-yes, B. Mitchell-yes and B. Faulkner-yes. **Motion passes.**

**School Board Adjourns: Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** J. Smith **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 2:00PM. **SECOND:** B. Mitchell. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
MRSD Recording Secretary