

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Non-Approved Minutes)
August 14, 2015
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

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

Administration present: K. Pfeifer, Interim Superintendent, L. Witte, Superintendent and J. Fortson, Business Manager.

Also present: L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

“The goal of the Monadnock Regional Board is to be the Best School District in the State.”

B. Faulkner called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

1. Public Comments: J. Carnie commented he was upset about holding this Special Meeting. He said it was not needed or necessary. The information could have been covered at the last meeting. He said the MESSA Contract Language is not on tonight’s agenda. B. Faulkner said there was no decision to limit the discussion on that item. B. Faulkner said there are three items that are critical to the opening of school, that is the reason for this meeting. *Mike Blair arrives.*

L. Steadman was disappointed in the way the last meeting ended.

N. Mosher commented it was not appropriate to limit the discussion nor was it appropriate to adjourn the meeting. B. Faulkner said according to Roberts Rules you can limit debate but there was no motion. P. Bauries commented if he was running the meeting based on Roberts Rules why did he allow someone during Public Comments to discuss the SRO for 45 minutes.

B. Mitchell apologized to voting to adjourn the Board Meeting on August 10, 2015.

2. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION: P. Bauries **MOVED** to approve the manifest in the amount of \$1,792,477.23. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **VOTE:** 7.771/0/0/5.230. **Motion passes.**

3. 6:10 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION: N. Mosher **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **VOTE:** 7.771/0/0/5.230. **Motion passes.**

4. 6:25 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect the reputation of any person. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 7.771/0/0/5.230. **Motion passes.**

- 5. 6:36 PM Non-Public Session: MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation against the Town or Town Officials, Board Members or employee. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie asked what the litigation was and if it was in writing. B. Faulkner said it was not appropriate to discuss it in public session. J. Carnie asked if all members were going to receive a copy of the letter. K. Pfeifer stated there are names on the letter and an attorney should be asked first. K. Pfeifer stated the issue is to see if a student can be transferred. J. Carnie stated he will leave non-public if it is not on topic and if he does not receive anything in writing. **VOTE:** 7.771/0/0/5.230. **Motion passes.**
- 6. Public Session:** S. Peters **MOVED** to seal the August 14, 2015 6:36 Non-Public Meeting Minutes indefinitely. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **VOTE:** 6.696/0/1.075/5.230. **Motion passes.**
- M. Blair asked P. Bauries if she was recording the Public and the Non-public session. P. Bauries explained she did record both sessions. B. Mitchell commented the Board should get legal advice regarding this issue.
- L. Witte asked the Board to allow the administration to hire staff on a tentative basis. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to give special permission to the Superintendent to hire all open positions except the SSO in order to staff the facilities. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 7.771/0/0/5.230. **Motion passes.**
- 7. Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM **SECOND:** P. Bauries **VOTE:** 7.771/0/0/5.230. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary