

**Monadnock Regional School District
School Board Meeting**

January 19, 2016

Monadnock Regional MSHS, Swanzey NH

Board Members Present: Phyllis Peterson, Winston Wright, Pat Bauries, Jim Carnie, Lisa Steadman, Barry Faulkner, Bob Mitchell, Joe Smith and Betty Tatro Absent: Mike Blair, Karen Wheeler

Administration Present: Lisa Witte (Superintendent) and Jane Fortson (Business Administrator)

Also Present: Linda Heath

“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 7:04 PM. He stated that there would be a hearing at 7:15 PM.

1. Public Comments: Dan Coffman – said that he was following up and searching for a motion to either form an Ad Hoc Committee or some other type of committee to look into the CNC Machinery. The Administration and teaching staff has asked for this. He has talked with Neil Moriarty and has found a lot of support from people he has talked to. He would be willing to volunteer to help this move forward. He feels that if there is interest at the school level that we should take advantage of it for the kids. The question he brought up was how to go about funding this. Perhaps a *Go Fund Me* or something of that type depending on what the district allows. He would be happy to talk to others and has looked at the instructor’s web site. It is impressive. We need to find a way to go forward with either an Ad Hoc committee or even a student led committee. This was discussed Thursday at the Budget Committee meeting and he is offering his support to make preparations for this to happen.

Neil Moriarty – first item to bring up, since the AD quit, he would like to bring back Tom Stewart. The district must have liked him if they were willing to name a field after him.

Second item is regarding the CNC Machinery. This venture has a great deal of upward mobility. The growth is 10% and 90% of help wanted ads are looking for CNC Machine Operators.

Jeannine LeClerc – as part of MRHS Drug Prevention group, she brought a report on what has happened in January. There was a speaker who presented a positive message to the students. Their next activity is on January 29, 2016 and is called Cabin Fever. Chris Aguda-Brown created a survey for the students to take during Advisory. The top activities chosen were food, having the acapella group come in, a Name That Tune contest and Board Games. She also reported that in March, there will be activities during the lunch time.

Lisa Steadman asked if the Cabin Fever activity is open to homeschoolers. Jeannine said that it is, but they are limiting it to grades 9-12.

Kristen Goodenough – shared about the Hockey Team fundraising. They had an Applebee’s breakfast and served 81 people which was not bad considering the inclement weather. They netted \$725.00 in profit. They also held a raffle in conjunction. They had previously done a D’Angelo’s fundraiser and made some money at that as well. They are hoping to boost school spirit. They have found that there are 23 future Huskies now involved in youth hockey. They will be hosting a future Husky night on February 3, 2016 and a MRHS night on January 30, 2016. She encouraged the board members to go out and support the events.

2. 7:15 PM - B Faulkner called the Public Hearing to order. He announced that the hearing would be regarding Policy EEAA and that all would have the opportunity to have comments. He asked Superintendent Witte to explain the changes. She stated that there is an existing policy and that there have been legal changes required. It deals with the use of video and recording devices in the classrooms. There has to be a board hearing. The new laws don't prohibit video and recording, there just has to be written permission from the parents. The policy is being revised to include a specific mention relating to the classroom.

B Faulkner asked if anyone would like to speak.

L Steadman spoke as a member of the public. She is concerned that when the legislature made these changes that they didn't consider whether it would affect special needs students who have an IEP in place. She feels strongly that something to protect them should be in there.

P Bauries asked for clarification regarding what was stricken and what was kept. She asked what is mandated.

Superintendent Witte said that in the first paragraph by changing it to video and/or audio recording devices... that this broadens the definition of recording. The second thing she explained was that in striking some of the language, it is making it cleaner. Thirdly, in taking the word classroom out of all of the paragraphs except for one specifically, this is what the law requires. Fourthly, there has to be a paragraph independent of the others speaking specifically of the classroom. And lastly, the paragraph labeled custody of videos, is relative to storage.

P Bauries asked if these are recommendations or mandates.

Superintendent Witte referred to the Policy References and stated that RSA 189:68 Student Privacy is where the new language is from.

Neil Moriarty spoke up to say that the word buses is struck out at the top of the policy and wanted to know if this would be put back in as it seem that a lot of the problems come from the buses.

Superintendent Witte said that there is a separate bus policy.

B Tatro asked if this only applies to surveillance or are book reports and presentations also included?

Superintendent Witte said that both apply. Anything related to recording requires permission from the parents. It has been recommended that this be included in the beginning of school information as other districts have done this.

B Mitchell asked if there were any implications for recording on a cell phone.

Superintendent Witte said that no recording should be done without permission first.

B Faulkner closed the hearing at 7:26 PM.

3. Approval of the January 5, 2016 minutes. MOTION: P Peterson MOVED to approve the January 5, 2016 Minutes SECOND: Joe Smith Discussion: Superintendent Witte shared that Principal Kalloger said that the minutes stated that she "personally signed all of the senior's report cards." What she actually said was that "she reviewed and personally signed/made comments on many of the senior's progress reports." Also, she said that "last year, 4th quarter, she was chasing incompletes from 1st quarter. This year at the end of the 1st quarter, we had no incomplete grades." VOTE: 6.766/1.121/2.325/1.878 Motion Passes

MOTION: P Peterson MOVED to approve the Non-Public Minutes 11:38 PM SECOND: Scott Peters Discussion: None VOTE: 11.122/0/0/1.878 Motion Passes

MOTION: P Peterson MOVED to approve the Non-Public Minutes 11:48 PM SECOND: Joe Smith Discussion: None VOTE: 11.122/0/0/ 1.878 Motion Passes

W Wright brought up the fact that several of the Negotiations Committee arrived late to the meeting on January 5, 2016. He feels that they should have been listed as absent until they arrived.

B Faulkner said that the purpose is to say who was there at the time, so he feels it is okay.

W Wright said that he feels that it was like being counted as being present.

B Faulkner said that next time there should be a point made to note when people arrive and leave.

4. Student Government Report – There is none.

5. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Witte asked J Fortson the Business Administrator's report first.

J Fortson reported that she had the Warrant Article and that she needed them signed. She also reported that she would be having the Budget Committee sign the MS27 and MSDS in the next couple of days.

She also brought forward a request from Nutrition Services. She brought it directly to the Board because Thomas Walsh has been trying to get it to the Finance Committee, but their meetings have been cancelled. Rather than risk missing out on the opportunity, she presented the following:

Nutrition Services is presently using a 2003 Windstar owned by the district. It is beginning to have corrosion issues and being that the Nutrition Services delivers 90% of the food and supplies to Cutler, Emerson, Troy and Gilsum, feels it needs to be replaced. He has found a 2008 Dodge Caravan and is asking for the board to approve spending up to \$6,000.00 to purchase that vehicle.

B Faulkner asked for a motion to suspend the rules to allow this to be brought up. MOTION: B Tatro MOVED to allow this to be brought before the board SECOND: P Peterson Discussion: None VOTE: 11.122/0/0/1.878 Motion Passes

B Faulkner asked for a motion to purchase the van spending up to \$6,000.00 for it. MOTION: J Carnie MOVED to allow the purchase up to \$6,000.00 for a Nutrition Services Van SECOND: P Peterson Discussion: None VOTE: 11.122/0/0/1.878 Motion Passes.

J Fortson thanked the board on behalf of T Walsh, Nutrition Services Director.

Superintendent Witte gave her report. he questioned if the minutes from November 3, 2015 had been approved. She just wanted to make sure.

She reported that good things are happening at the high school. Teachers are receiving compliments and positive feedback from the students and parents.

Gilsum School has begun a partnership with River Valley Community College.

Mt Caesar Elementary had a training for the K/1 teachers and will soon be having one for the Grade 2 teachers.

Cutler Elementary held their Spelling Bee today. She didn't know who the winner was.

Emerson held their Spelling Bee last week. She is holding off on announcing the winner until she has them all.

Troy Elementary will be holding a National Reading night. They will be having a special guest, but the Superintendent cannot divulge who it is.

She distributed the Fund Raising Calendar for January and February. She reported the following:

- Destination Imagination will hold a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be on sale through January 21, 2016.
- Special Olympics team will be selling Penguin Plunge Icons January 18 – 22 at lunch time.
- National Junior Honor Society will be hosting a dance on February 12, 2016.
- MRHS Pawprint will be doing a Yankee Candle Fundraiser January 25 – February 9, 2016.

Superintendent Witte shared that there would be one overnight field trip coming up for the Key Club. They would like to go to the 67th Annual Key Club Conference in Springfield, MA on April 8 – April 10, 2016. There would be 10 – 12 students attending.

MOTION: P Peterson MOVED to approve the overnight field trip for the Key Club SECOND: N Mosher Discussion: None VOTE: 11.122/0/0/1.878 Motion Passes

B Tatro asked who will chaperone this trip.

Superintendent Witte answered that Bethany Maynard who is the advisor will chaperone.

6. Board Chair Report – B Faulkner reported that he has been in contact with Bill Hutwelker regarding the Deliberative session. He would like to change things around and use the stage to have something projected on. The board will sit on the same level as the audience and will share the same microphone when wishing to speak. He is asking the board to follow the rules that he sets up as Moderator.

P Bauries asked to speak regarding the agenda (for January 5, 2016) that was posted for the Board to review their goals and what took place was what she considers to be the “District State of the Union” She emailed the board chair asking that the members of the Negotiations Committee be given copies from Cheshire TV. She just read that Superintendent Witte said that it was on the website, but she hasn’t seen it. She would like a response to her email.

B Faulkner stated that he thought she was referring to the slides and didn’t realize that she wanted the whole presentation.

Superintendent Witte said that she did email all of the slides to the board, but as of yet, it is not on the website.

B Faulkner said that it would be discussed under Old Business.

7. Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: B Mitchell shared that the Budget Committee held their Public Hearing on January 14, 2016. They followed the Public hearing with a meeting and set the Default Budget at \$31,945,801. The Budget Committee approved a Budget of \$31,820,000. This compares to the budget the Board proposed which is \$32,153,000. The Budget committee’s budget is a little over \$300,000 less than the Board’s. The Budget Committee chose not to support hiring an SRO and they do not support the MDEA Teacher’s Contract.

Community Relations: S Peters said that they met this evening just before the board meeting. They developed a draft of the warrant articles in plain English to describe what they are saying to the voters. They are on his computer and he asked the chair’s advice regarding whether to flash them on a screen or print them.

B Faulkner suggest that this be revisited later as it will take time to do either. He did feel that having them printed, would be easier. Scott will email them to Principal Salzman who will print them off for us. We will come back to this. (Scott stepped out of the meeting for a few moments.)

Education Committee: P Bauries shared that there was a great presentation given by Principal Kalloger and the Division Leaders. Also in attendance were Assistant Principal Schafer, Assistant Principal Spencer and Dr. Carey. The group explained the needs of the students and how appropriate placement will meet the needs when they can be focused on them. It is not that the classes will be different but that they will be placed according to ability to grasp the concepts in order to meet competency.

Assistant Principal Spencer wants to have a ninth grade academy to help acclimate students to high school life.

There won't be longer classes or additional staff needed. Principal Kalloger has been working all year long on this. Intervention will be done during Advisory and there will be Vacation Academy for those in need or those who are falling behind.

Dr. Carey reported to the committee that a new Math curriculum has been chosen. It is *Envisions* and there is a six year commitment. We are doing away with Every Day Math. The committee would like to present to the Budget Committee the need for an additional \$50,000 as the cost is \$150,000. The Superintendent and Business Manager have come up with about \$80,000 of it. Pat can't imagine that the Budget Committee would be opposed to this as this is our business – education.

The committee feels that the Superintendent should be allowed to purchase the six year program which includes consumables. There is a support team and it supports the *Program of Studies*.

The Education Committee would like to have the School Board not only approve the *Program of Studies*, but also the expenditure of the Math program.

P Bauries made motion to approve the *Program of Studies*. P Peterson seconded the motion.

B Mitchell shared that the Principals emphasized the nature of the *Program of Studies*. This is not permanent stacking of Math and English – they are not tied at the hip.

N Mosher said that he is in favor of having multiple tracks, but he is very concerned if they cover less material, it could create serious problems as the student's age. He feels if it is going to take longer, then the class time should be longer.

P Peterson reported that the Division Leaders were so passionate about this. She heard repeatedly about the relationship with the students. This will give depth to those who can handle it. They will use the Power Standards. They feel that they will be able to get all students through, but at their level. It was refreshing.

L Steadman asked about page 35 in the *Program of Studies*. She wanted to know what graphic the state is. "We live in New Hampshire and that is not New Hampshire". She then asked if it came up regarding students who would need more support.

P Bauries said that students who need intervention will be taught the same curriculum but not as in depth as someone pursuing a math degree in college. The next Education Committee meeting will be January 26, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

J Smith stated that the *Program of Studies* will need some editing.

B Faulkner said that he thought they were voting on the program not the words.

W Wright asked if there was any more money needed.

B Mitchell shared that he highly supports this. There was such enthusiasm. It is all about the students.

B Tatro explained to Winston that the money (\$50,000) was for the Math program not the *Program of Studies*.

L Steadman clarified that the *Program of Studies* affects grades 9-12 and the Math program grades K-8. S Peters stepped out of the room.

MOTION: P Bauries MOVED to approve the *Program of Studies* SECOND: P Peterson Discussion: None VOTE: 9.91/.214/0/2.876

Technology Committee: S Peters re-entered the room. S Peters said that they met once with Neal Richardson. They are focusing on the security of the technology. There are standing agenda items, but they are prioritizing and taking the top five first.

Community Relations: S Peters distributed the plain English copies of the Warrant Articles. Scott read through them.

L Steadman asked if it should refer to petitions or petition articles.

J Fortson said that there would be no petitions as the deadline has passed.

S Peters said he would delete that reference.

Starting with Article 1 - This wording was fine.

Article II – Joe Smith would like it clarified that upgrades will be done during the summer. Jane Fortson said that it should say appropriated funds. Nick Mosher asked if this had been revised already. Scott Peters said that was the warrant not the plain English. Joe Smith said it is still not clear. People will ask what upgrades as nothing has been done. It will begin in the summer of 2016. Nick Mosher said it is confusing because asbestos is mentioned. It was clarified that the windows contain asbestos.

The wording will be as follows: “New energy-efficient windows will be installed to address the asbestos problem.” And then later it will be worded as follows: “Last year’s warrant raised funds to upgrade one wing of the building beginning in the summer of 2016 and this year’s warrant will raise funds to upgrade another wing of the building beginning in the summer of 2017.”

Article III – This wording was fine.

Article IV – The only change was to make it 21st Century.

Article V – The only change to this article was instead of next year, it should be this year.

Article VI – Change it to read as follows in the third sentence: “This article would move money out of the 1975 fund into the 2009 fund.”

Article VII – This wording was fine.

Article VIII – Change the wording so the article reads as follows: “This article asks the voters to add a new part-time role. A School Resource Officer (SRO) would be a Swanze Police Officer paid by the district to work at the Middle/High School, whereas a School Safety Officer (SSO) is a current employee of the district who serves all district towns. Only an SRO may carry a weapon and make arrests.

B Faulkner asked for a motion to accept Articles 1-7.

MOTION: L Steadman MOVED that the Board accept Articles 1-6 as presented with the changes agreed upon. SECOND: B Tatro Discussion: None VOTE: 11.122/0/0/1.878 Motion Passes.

Article 8 Discussion: MOTION: N Mosher MOVED to strike the last two sentences. SECOND: J Carnie Discussion: B Tatro asked if it is important for people to know that a SRO can make arrests. P Peterson agrees that it is important that the voters know. VOTE: 2.410/8.712/0/1.878 Motion Fails.

L Steadman proposed shortening the second sentence to leave only the last half. P Bauries feels that it is more promoting the position than explaining. N Mosher stated that by saying on the SRO, we are not letting the people know that the SSO can do things too. P Bauries feels that just saying that the SRO will be a Swanzy Police Officer would let people know that the SRO can carry a weapon and make arrests. We shouldn't sway the public. This would because there are some people who do like the idea of someone carrying a weapon and making arrests and there are others who do not like that idea at all.

J Carnie said that a lot of additional words to rationalize things. If we are going to explain pieces, we have to fully explain. This is supposed to be a simplified version.

N Mosher said that he is in favor of it, but doesn't like the delineation of the carrying of a weapon. He doesn't feel that we need to go too deep.

P Peterson feels that we owe it to the voters. She is not opposed to letting them know who is paying the SRO, but nothing should be hidden. We shouldn't only tell half.

MOTION: L Steadman MOVED that Article 8 be accepted as worded above. SECOND: P Peterson Discussion: None VOTE: 8.712/1.533/1.075/1.878 Motion Passes.

MOTION: L Steadman MOVED that Article 7 be accepted as is. SECOND: J Smith Discussion: J Carnie said that we need to cover all of the bases and do this legally. He is opposing the article for 3 reasons. 1) There is no establishment, nothing regarding the rollover – how much and how it will be expended.

B Mitchel interjected point of order that this is not talking about the warrant.

J Carnie continued – 2) cost items are not fully expressed or explained. This is not done as other articles have been done. 3) If people look at previous contracts, it has all been laid out to the public. The increase of healthcare isn't laid out anywhere. The plain English that the public has a right to is not here.

L Steadman said that the CRC's task was to share wording as to what the articles are saying.

B Tatro asked if J Carnie has an amendment. J Carnie said that everyone talks about it being Sanbornized – this is not and it doesn't clearly explain the cost.

VOTE: (N Mosher asked for a Roll Call Vote) 7.957/2.90/1.335/1.878 Motion Passes.

P Peterson – no

W Wright – yes

J Carnie – no

N Mosher – abstain

P Bauries – abstain

B Faulkner – yes

L Steadman – yes

B Mitchell – yes

J Smith – yes

B Tatro – yes

S Peters – yes

Finance Committee will meet January 26, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Policy Committee – MOTION: B Tatro MOVED to approve Policy EEAA. SECOND: P Peterson Discussion: J Carnie asked if it meant on school property at any time or only during school hours as this meeting is recorded.

P Bauries shared her concern about videotaping and police officers running around. She is utterly opposed to this.

L Steadman again requested that we make sure not to remove the rights of the students with disabilities who have IEPs. B Faulkner stated that there was a hearing and that the language can't be changed at this point. L Steadman feels that the fifth paragraph is a very explicit removal of rights. N Mosher supports that there are enough questions that it should be sent back to the Policy Committee.

MOTION: N Mosher MOVED to refer this back to the Policy Committee. SECOND: P Bauries Discussion: None VOTE: 11.122/0/0/1.878 Motion Passes.

L Steadman reported that the Policy committee met on January 14, 2016 and discussed the Qualifications of a Board Member as well as a Discussion on what constitutes a Quorum.

J Carnie said that approximately on 8 different occasions he has asked regarding BDEC and BDE. He feels that these policies are getting dragged out. He is concerned as to why this is being put off.

L Steadman said that there was not time to get it into the packet and she is trying to be respectful of the process.

J Carnie brought up the fact that they just voted on something that was only discussed for the first time here at the meeting.

Extra-Curricular Committee – MOTION: S Peters MOVED that the Board approve the district increasing their amount of support to at least 50% which would raise the district cost from \$8,742.00 to \$11,013.31 which is a difference of \$2,271.31. SECOND: J Smith Discussion: The rationale of this was discussed at the January 5, 2016 meeting (due to the move to Keene Ice Rink). N Mosher said he is in favor of it for this year. He mentioned getting the AD to come and discuss student participation. S Peters said that the group of parents have worked hard to get the leg work done. N Mosher asked if there is a recording of what goes to each team. J Fortson stated that this hasn't been done since E Cronin had the position. P Bauries said that when the Board was approached they were assured that the parents would do the Fundraising. It's good to have all round students, but our job is academics and who would be supportive of triple the cost? P Peterson asked that a thorough study of all sports be done. This report should include the expenses as well as their profits. She would like to see our students educated. L Steadman reminded the Board that 2 years ago, they asked for a chance to get started. J Carnie asked where the money is coming from since the budget is already set.

Superintendent Witte said that this is for this year and for next year, something would have to be cut.

J Smith said that he supports this, but agrees with P Peterson. The last time the study was done, the AD was full time and now we have a part time. We can't put all of this on J Fortson. N Mosher said he is in favor of this, but do we have the money? Superintendent Witte responded that we haven't figured that out yet. P Bauries suggested that this discussion be tabled until we know where the money is coming from.

MOTION: P Bauries MOVED that the Board postpone the decision until they know where the money is coming from. SECOND: P Peterson Discussion: S Peters said that the group is committed to raise funds for the kids to play. Where other teams get sweatshirts, etc. this group puts it all into just getting to play. He agrees with postponing. He will hold back the second motion from the Extra Curricular Committee. VOTE: 11.122/0/0/1.878 Motion Passes.

Negotiations Committee: P Bauries said that there is nothing to report.

Ad Hoc Committee for Gilsum – B Tatro shared that their last meeting was productive. They discussed the editorial in the Sentinel. Dr Carey shared information for training teachers. A woman named Beth has contacts at Keene State College and will work to see if they can share some resources.

Safety and Security Ad Hoc Committee – Superintendent Witte gave an update that the IT Department is working to build discipline into Power School. There are new restraint protocols that will be taught district wide. There is a meeting next Wednesday.

P Bauries asked the chairman of the Ad Hoc Safety and Security Committee about who the appointees/members are as according to the minutes there are only 4.

J Smith responded that there are 6 members from the Board and other additional people receive the minutes.

P Bauries requested that the issue be fixed and J Smith agreed.

9:18 PM B Faulkner requested a 7 minute recess.

9:25 PM B Faulkner called the meeting back to order.

8. Old Business – Warrant Article 1 approval. P Bauries asked for point of order that the Board would consider the Math program funding before voting on the article.

B Faulkner asked if she would propose that the Board amend the warrant. They have no authority to change it.

MOTION: N Mosher MOVED to not accept the warrant. SECOND: B Tatro Discussion: P Bauries wanted to review the numbers as follows: Administration proposed \$31,258,813 (Not including the Food Services); Finance Committee proposed \$30,458,813 (Not including the Food Services); School Board proposed \$31,183,813 (Not including the Food Services); Budget Committee proposed \$31,820,000 (Including Food Services).

B Faulkner stated that the Budget Committee is 365,000 less than the School Board's proposal and \$126,000 less than the Default Budget.

MOTION: J Smith MOVED to support Warrant Article 1. SECOND: W Wright VOTE: 2.190/8.932/0/1.878 Motion Fails

B Mitchel stated that his numbers were different, he had \$32,153,813 (including food services) and that makes a difference of \$333,813.

L Steadman said that she would like to see the Board not support the Budget Committee's Budget as \$126,000 would do a lot for the students.

MOTION: P Bauries would MOVED to add \$50,000 at the deliberative session for the new math program SECOND: P Peterson Discussion: N Mosher said that this was brought to the board at one amount and now they want another. He will vote for it. L Steadman understands that the cost is \$150,000 for the six year program, but wondered why it has to all be paid for in one payment. Superintendent Witte said that in pre-buying, all of the consumables will be paid for up front. Most publishers offer multiple years and in paying in one payment, there will be no cost for the additional years. This also allows for the cycle for other curriculum areas to continue. L Steadman asked if that meant that the district would have to store six years of consumables somewhere. Superintendent Witte, said that the company has the numbers and each year, they will touch base to see if numbers

have changed or not. B Tatro asked about the company's track record. Superintendent Witte said that the publisher is Pearson and they have a good track record. The teaching staff has visited and feel that this is the way to go. Their experience is favorable.

J Carnie said that he is not happy about voting against this, but the way the process is going, isn't how it should go. He feels that it isn't a last minute thing, but past last minute. The Finance Committee presented to the Board and they didn't accept it. He has a problem with submitting a budget and now adding to it. The milling machine was accepted, planned for and included in the budget and now it is being taken out. We have to realize that when dates are due, we need to follow them. N Mosher said that the milling machine has been approved by the Board.

J Fortson said that she would like to say a couple things. 1) Nothing has been added or taken out. The Administration will do whatever they can to make things work. 2) a lot of work has gone into the Math program. At the end of October, we didn't have the costs. Dr. Carey and J Fortson went through the budget looking for areas where this can be funded from. They haven't had a chance to talk to the company to get a payment plan yet. We would like to bring the cost, etc. when all information has been gathered. We would ask the Board to hold at this point to give time to compile all of the information before the deliberative session. We suggest postponing so that the Board has all of the information they need.

MOTION: P Peterson MOVED to postpone adding \$50,000 until all information is gathered for the Math Program. SECOND: W Wright. Discussion: J Carnie said he stands corrected, and he wants assurance that the milling machine is still in the budget. Superintendent Witte said that at this point, everything is in the budget. VOTE: 11.122/0/0/1.878 Motion Passes.

B Faulkner asked J Carnie if he wanted to make a motion on the milling machine. J Carnie said no.

B Faulkner brought up the State of the School Discussion. P Bauries said that she was fortunate enough to be able to see the presentation and wanted the Board members who were on the Negotiations committee to be able to see it as well.

MOTION: J Smith MOVED to postpone the State of the School Discussion. SECOND: B Mitchell. Discussion: N Mosher said that he was not sure of how the structure worked as some of the presenters left before questions could be asked of them. VOTE: 11.122/0/0/1.878 Motion Passes.

B Faulkner brought up the Meeting Schedules.

N Mosher would like to make a motion to send the Meeting Schedule to Policy Committee as there were three meetings he couldn't make. To be respectful to each other, the public and the Administration this needs to be taken care of.

MOTION: N Mosher MOVED to send to the Policy Meeting to avoid overlapping meetings. SECOND: B Tatro Discussion: None VOTE: 8.925/1.121/1.075/1.878 Motion Passes.

Discussion on Warrant Article 7 – J Carnie said that there is nothing in there stating how the \$500,000 will be applied to the CBA. L Steadman asked J Carnie if he wanted to make a motion. J Carnie answered no. Looking for a motion to accept. S Peters asked if this was something that could be word-smithed. B Faulkner said yes. B Mitchell suggested sending it to the Administration. L Steadman said she would hope that the board support the plain English version and have it go to the deliberative session as is.

J Carnie brought up that two people came to the meeting tonight about the milling machine. They want it to go forward. It was brought to the Board and they approved it. This is a good thing. We have two good people who wish to do research for possibilities as to how to make this happen. They may do better if they are either endorsed or not.

N Mosher said he is in favor of people researching, but there is no money attached.

J Carnie said that these men feel they can get something for less money.

B Tatro asked if these men have been in touch with the teachers.

J Carnie wasn't sure. B Faulkner said this could be on a list to do.

J Fortson said that she will be reaching out to D Coffman and N Moriarty as they have done their homework. She would like to bring the two together with herself and she intends to see this through.

MOTION: B Tatro MOVED to accept the Manifest in the amount of \$1,167,516.67. SECOND: J Smith Discussion: None. VOTE: 11.122/0/0/1.878 Motion Passes.

The next item for discussion is the 2016/2017 school calendar. We have 176 student days and 188 teacher days. B Tatro shared concern about have a Professional Development day on the same day as Parent/Teacher Conferences and how this affect them. Superintendent Witte said this is a good question. There is one this year so maybe it can be evaluated.

L Steadman said that she is confused by the calendar as in August the calendar before school begins is left blank, but the end in June has numbers on it after the proposed last day of school. They should be blank like August for clarity. Superintendent Witte said that snow days could be denoted by an S. S Peters said that he is hesitant because of the busyness of late May/early June. What happens at the end of the year because with kids trying to take finals and doing all that they do, he is concerned that the date to get out of school is too early in June?

L Steadman said that we kind of ease into the year with first a three day week, then a four day week and finally working up to a 5 day week in the past. What has changed?

Superintendent Witte said that we are aligned as much as possible to Keene's academic calendar. We are operating on an hours based calendar. We also had a shorter holiday break because of how the holidays fell.

S Peters said that he is just concerned about there not being enough collaboration time throughout the district. With a new Math Program, curriculum would want to have successful collaboration.

Superintendent Witte stated that there are 12 days (2 of which are Parent/Teacher Conferences) which leaves 10 days. If there are additional days out, the kids will miss out.

L Steadman asked what the students would potentially lose if we were to start on August 31 and get out on June 13.

Superintendent Witte said that curriculum wise, they would lose more from the beginning than the end as the end of the school year is more relaxed and less academics happen.

B Faulkner asked for agenda items for the next meeting. J Carnie said that he would like to make sure the 2 issues from the Policy Committee are addressed since he has been waiting for four months. B Faulkner said that the deadline for the agenda is next Tuesday.

10:12 PM End of the Public Meeting.

MOTION: S Peters MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 PM. SECOND: N Mosher Discussion: None VOTE: 10.124/0/0/2.876 Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Heath