

**Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**(Approved Minutes) corrected 6/7/2016**  
**May 17, 2016**  
**Monadnock Regional MSHS Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Betty Tatro, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Phyllis Peterson, Scott Peters, Lisa Steadman, Winston Wright, Eric Stanley, James Carnie, Nicholas Mosher, Mike Blair and Bob Mitchell. **Absent:** Joseph Smith and Karen Wheeler.

**Administration present:** L. Witte, Superintendent and J. Fortson, Business Manager.

**Also present:** L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

**“We collaborate not just to teach, but also to engage and educate every student in our district in an environment that is challenging, caring and safe, while fostering life-long learning.**

- 1. Public Comments:** K. Panera announced the students who had received gold and bronze levels of achievement in the Special Olympic Basketball. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to allow the District to purchase championship jackets for the team. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 11.122/0/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

Jeannine Leclerc updated the Board on the Drug Awareness and Prevention. They held a Health Fair in the Discovery Room. April was Alcohol Awareness Month. May 27, 2016 they will hold a Panel Discussion with the students.

M. Hill and Z. Stickney addressed the Board. They are asking the Board to support them in attending a Field to Play 360 summit in Indiana. The Board listened to their presentation. The boys explained they have been raising money by doing chores. The cost of the trip is \$750.00 per student. **MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to approve \$350.00 for each student to attend the Fuel up to 360 Summit in Indiana. **SECOND:** B. Mitchell. **VOTE:** 11.122/0/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**2. Matters that require Board Action:**

**a. Programming for 2016/2017:** **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve the Programming Proposal for 2016/2017, K-6 Model. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** L. Steadman commented if we do not do inclusion right it will be a disservice to the students. It requires more para professionals or a co-teaching model. This is the best we can do for these students at this time. The proposal presented is probably the best option now with the financial aspect. It is a better situation now. P. Peterson said she agrees. B. Tatro said inclusion takes resources that we do not have. S. Peters asked if we have the space. L. Witte said yes and we will make it work. **VOTE:** 8.926/0/2.196/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**b. Charter for the Ad Hoc Committee on STEAM:** **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee for STEAM to approve the STEAM Charter as presented.

**SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** B. Tatro explained after a few more steps it will be time to send STEAM to the Education Committee. N. Mosher said STEAM is not a primary item. The committee has a large agenda already. S. Peters would suggest a joint session of the Education Committee and STEAM. **VOTE:** 10.047/0/1.075/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**c. Policies-2<sup>nd</sup> Read:**

**i. BEA, Regular Board Meetings: MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy BEA Regular Board Meetings as amended.

**SECOND:** B. Tatro. **DISCUSSION:** It was commented the day of the week does not have to be changed. The Board has been meeting on Tuesday for 20 years. It would require a 2/3 vote to change the policy. **MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to amend the motion and keep Tuesday as the Board Meeting Day. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** It was

commented to consider the administration's schedule. L. Witte explained the administration builds the schedule around the Board. M. Blair said there are conflicts with other town meetings that is the reason for the suggested change. **VOTE on amendment:**

3.305/7.605/.214/1.878. **Motion fails.** **DISCUSSION:** N. Mosher asked if it is the intent to discuss the day at the beginning of each year. It was commented to agree to keep it on Tuesdays but there was a conflict and the Board was going against their own policy. L. Steadman explained the rationale of the Policy Committee. J. Carnie said the Policy Committee is out of line. He asked if the committee is voting with a simple majority. It was

commented J. Smith had emailed members of the committee because he was not able to be present and said he would like to have the meetings remain on Tuesdays. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to call the question. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie said this has been established for years. Two members of the Board are not here who may vote against this motion. **VOTE to call the question.** 7.604/3.518/0/1.878. **Motion passes**

**VOTE:**7.604/3.305/.214/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**ii. BDA, Board Organizational Meeting: MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED**

on behalf of the Policy Committee to approve Policy BDA Board Organizational Meeting as amended. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to amend Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting. **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE on amendment:**

8.932/1.115/1.075/1.878. **Motion passes.** **VOTE on amended motion:** 11.122/0/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**iii. BDE, Board Committee and Delegates: MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED**

to approve Policy BDE, Board Committee and Delegates as amended. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **DISCUSSION:** J. Carnie commented the Policy is legally structurally incorrect and goes against policy. In previous years the Chair did not vote. It is a violation of Roberts Rules. It cannot be both ways. Send it back to Policy. **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED**

to table the motion and send Policy BDE back to the committee. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **DISCUSSION:** L. Steadman said the committee has taken a position and sending it back will not change anything. It will be caught in the Policy Review by the NHSBA if there is a problem. B. Mitchell commented the Chair is a voting member of all committees. M. Blair said he was Chair of the Policy Committee and the Chair of the Board attended the meetings to make quorum. The Chair at times had been a member of all committees. J. Carnie said Roberts Rules say it is not proper for the Chair to be part of the quorum. It violates our policy and Roberts Rules. E. Stanley said based on past practice. **VOTE to refer it back to**

**committee:** 2.403/7.604/1.115/1.878. **Motion fails.** **DISCUSSION:** N. Mosher asked if there is a Policy that says the Board follows Roberts Rules. **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to amend Policy BDE by adding the word “not” before the word “vote”. **SECOND:** N. Mosher. **VOTE:** 3.518/7.764/0/1.878. **Motion fails.** **DISCUSSION:** N. Mosher asked if it conflicts with Roberts Rules. L. Steadman said Roberts Rules are a guideline. B. Mitchell commented the policy addresses the issue of a quorum. **VOTE:** 8.718/1.288/1.115/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**iv. Technology Policies as a group:** **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to approve the Technology Policies as a group except for Policy EHAB as referred to Policy by the IT Director. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **DISCUSSION:** N. Mosher asked what happens if the parent or student does not sign the form. L. Witte explained if they do not sign the teachers have alternatives. L. Steadman said she trusts the IT Director to bring these policies as a group and other policies when coming forward. W. Wright commended the IT Dept. N. Mosher would disagree with being presented the entire batch. C. McDaniel-Thomas said the batch concept has merit. M. Blair said if the Board Member has questions they should feel free to ask them. **VOTE:** 10.047/0/1.075/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**d. Other Committee Motions:**

**i. Finance/Facilities:** **MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** on behalf of the Finance/Facilities Committee to approve the line item transfer in the amount of \$5416.00 for 8 computers for Food Service. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **DISCUSSION:** B. Tatro will support this motion. S. Peters will not support. The District has computers that could be reused. He would suggest referring to the Tech Committee. L. Witte and T. Walsh had a conversation with the IT Dept. J. Fortson explained why this is a Food Service item and not a N. Richardson item. N. Mosher is concerned with purchasing computers when we have computers. **VOTE:** 10.908/.214/0/1.878. **Motion passes.** **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to suspend the 48 hour rule and to address the 4 motions being presented by Finance/Facilities. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 10.124/0/.998/1.878. **Motion passes.** **VOTE: on computers:** 10.908/.214/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**3. Matters for Information & Discussion:**

**a. Student Government Report:** T. Blair and J. Reppucci reported on the events going on at the MS/HS. He reported on a number of events going on in the District such as Project Crash, NH Scholars to take a trip to the Delta Dental Stadium, Jr./Sr. Prom, NHDI Performance, track, baseball and lacrosse all doing well, Band Day @ Cutler, Night School Graduation, Senior Projects, Senior Class Trip, Band/BBQ on Sunday, MS Jazz Band Concert, Year Book dedication, Senior Banquet, Stepping up day and HS graduation.

**b. Superintendent’s Report:**

**i. New England College CAGS Presentation:** J. Leclerc presented her New England College Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies Curriculum and Instruction Presentation to the Board which was titled Mindful Silence with High School Students. She introduced two of the students who were involved in the research.

**ii. Correspondence-Delta Kappa Gamma:** L. Witte informed the Board Lynn Carey, Mary Shepardson, Patrice Campbell and Kathryn Schnare have been selected as members of the Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

**iii. Gilsum STEAM Update-Administration:** It was reported the Director of Curriculum will be responsible for the summer administrative duties at Gilsum. Gilsum would like to take more students into the STEAM program but there is not enough staff to support. It was suggested to look at the staff in the District to relocate to support the program.

**c. Business Administrator's Report:** J. Fortson will be bringing information on the health, property, and liability trust to the Finance Committee. The playground inspection report will be forwarded to the Superintendent, D. LaPointe and the principals. Most of the playgrounds are in good shape except for Cutler. She will discuss with the Town administration and Public works the fact that there is work to be done at Cutler due to the fact the playground is not on District property.

**d. Board Chair Report:**

**i. NESDEC Report:** M. Blair would like the Board to review the report. He would like to charge some of the committees with some part of the report and to return feedback to the Board.

He commented at the NHBSA workshop it was stated there is no need for a roll call vote at certain times during the meeting.

**ii. School Nurses:** L. Steadman would suggest sending the policies around nurses and if the nurse support is appropriate in the schools to the Health and Wellness Committee. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to approve the upgrade of the nurse software as it was presented to the Technology Committee. **SECOND:** N. Mosher **DISCUSSION:** It was commented this new software will reduce the paperwork and allow the nurses to spend more time with the students. **VOTE:** 11.122/0/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to approve the overnight fieldtrip to UNH for the Special Olympic Students and to approve the out of state field trip to Montshire Museum for the Gilsum STEAM students. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 11.122/0/0/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**e. Committee Reports:**

**i. Extra Curricular Committee:** E. Stanley reported the committee discussed the Ice Hockey Funding and will be bringing a motion at the next meeting.

**ii. Technology Committee:** S. Peters reported the committee will be digging into the long term district plan.

**iii. Education Committee:** N. Mosher reported the committee received an ELA executive summary from the staff and Janie Desbiens. They will hear the Math summary soon.

**4. Consent Agenda:**

**a. Approval of May 4, 2016 Minutes: MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to table the May 4, 2016 Public Meeting Minutes **SECOND:** B. Tatro. **VOTE:** 8.925/0/2.196/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**b. Approval of the Manifest: MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to approve the May 4, 2016 Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented and to approve the Manifest in the amount of \$1,117,734.79. **SECOND:** B. Mitchell. **VOTE:** 6.599/2.190/2.333/1.878. **Motion passes.**

**5. Setting Next Meeting's Agenda:**

Finance/Facilities Motion  
May 4, 2016 Public Minutes  
Policies

**6. Public Comments:** There were no Public Comments.

**9:53 PM: M. Blair recessed the MRSD Board Meeting to enter the SAU 93 Meeting.**

**9:56 PM: M. Blair recessed the SAU 93 Meeting.**

**10:02 PM: M. Blair entered into the MRSD Board Meeting. J. Carnie, T. Blair and J. Reppucci leave the meeting.**

**7. Non-Public Sessions under RSA 91-A:3 II**

**a. 10:03 PM Resignations/Leave/Other RSA 91-A:3 II(c): MOTION:** N. Mosher **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) Matter which, if discussed in public, would likely affect the reputation of any person. **SECOND:** E. Stanley. **VOTE:** 10.047/0/0/2.953. **Motion passes.**

**b. 10:08 PM Nominations RSA 91-A:3 II (b): MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Consideration of the hiring of a public employee. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.047/0/0/2.953. **Motion passes.**

**c. 10:20 PM Compensation RSA 91-A:3 II (a): MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Setting compensation for public employees. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.047/0/0/2.953. **Motion passes.**

**8. Adjournment: MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:34 PM. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 10.047/0/0/2.953. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis  
Recording secretary