

1. **Call to Order-Roll Call- Pledge of Allegiance:** Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and upon call of the roll the following board members were present: Kunz, Nelson, Leach and Robinson (via phone).
2. **Comments by Visitors:** Charlie Dionne stated that he was wondering who was going to plow Garrison Players for the buses to turnaround. Nelson stated that we will discuss it when we get to buses.
3. **Consent Calendar**
 - 3.1 **Removal of items from the consent Calendar:** Nelson stated don't believe everything you read in the seacoast news article, there were a lot of misquotes taken out of context and misquoted. She stated that we also asked for enrollment figures for both Marshwood and Somersworth and they will be included in the future. Supt. Mosca stated that Somersworth High School has 42 students, Marshwood Middle School has 48 students and Marshwood High School has 46 students.
 - 3.2 **Approval of consent calendar:** A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:
 - **August 20th 2015- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board**
 - **Open School Board Seat Letter: Andrea Anderson**
 - **Seacoast News: SAD 35 ready to welcome Rollinsford Students**
 - **Enrollment: September**
4. **Announcements:** Supt. Mosca stated that she would like to congratulate RGS for achieving the blue ribbon award for volunteerism. She stated that we received a letter from Paul Leather and our PACE application has been approved so we will be part of the tier two PACE districts. She stated that they will be meeting next Thursday with Rose Colby from the DOE and she will bring us up to speed. She stated that we will have a voice at the table which is wonderful for us. Nelson stated that is wonderful news, this is the pilot for the United States and we will now have a voice at the table. Supt. Mosca stated that it was a lot of hard work for folks here so that is great news. Nelson stated that for her chair report she would just like to remind everyone that this is the first time in 50 years that we are no longer in an area agreement with Somersworth. She stated that September 2nd we started tuitioning student's grades 7-12 to Marshwood. She stated that this is a three year transition period because it will take that long to complete all students into Marshwood.
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - 5.1 **SAU 56 Team Report:** Supt. Mosca stated that the report is in the packet if anyone has any questions. Nelson stated that she appreciates the names attached to the report.
 - 5.2 **Principal Update:** Nelson stated that Kate sent the newsletter if anyone has any questions. Lucas stated that Sticks and Stones performance was last week and it was spectacular and profound and she read some emails she received from families. She stated that it was great for people to reach out and share their perspective and she loves the intimacy with the community and families.

5.3 Rollinsford Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines: Bailey Haines stated that sports have started and we have football, volleyball, girls and boy's soccer and field hockey. She stated that the student council held a teacher barbecue after school got out and had a leadership conference to work on their goals. She stated that their goal is to give back to teachers and they had a teacher breakfast last year and that made their day. She stated that they are also selling sweatshirts as a fundraiser. She stated that spirit week is the 28th through the 2nd with a spirit rally on that Friday. She stated that the math team is going to have a parent committee to start fundraising and they will have their first meet on October 7th. She stated that their enrollment is up by a lot so that is good. She stated that the class officers have been elected and the freshman are getting their act together, sophomores are doing a mixed bag fundraiser and a car wash on October 3rd at Key Auto, Juniors are selling 31 bags and hosting a Halloween dance and the seniors are selling candles. She stated that National Honor Society is recruiting new members. She stated that open house is from 6-8 tonight. She stated that October 3rd is the homecoming dance. Nelson stated that she would recommend that we get a representative from Marshwood as it would be nice to hear from both schools. Supt. Mosca stated that she will contact Mary to arrange that.

5.4 Security Update: Nelson stated that we have some camera quotes in front of us. She stated that Chief Ducharme mentioned that the school needs to be more secure. She stated that we will need to look this over and in the meantime Chief Ducharme is working with Kate with homeland security on the risks as there is money from the federal government to do an analysis and once it has been identified there is also money with a 50/50 match to do the upgrades. Dick Fortier stated that the first proposal is using the existing equipment with the analog cameras and it would cut the record time down and there would be no zoom. He stated that the second proposal is one new DVR that goes with that and three cameras and the third proposal is one new DVR with eight cameras with four inside and four outside and the last one is digital with up to 16 cameras. He stated that with the wiring you can't swap analog with digital so you would have to rewire. Nelson stated that Chief Ducharme stated that the next steps won't take long. She stated that the next step would be the assessment team will come and walk around the building. Lucas stated that we have filled this out before and it was not followed up with the site visit so we have never been through the full process. Nelson stated that she would recommend we hang on and see what they recommend. Kunz asked if Chief Ducharme made any recommendations. Nelson stated no he wanted to have homeland security. She stated that the town always believed that the school was a shelter but it can't be because we don't have a full generator. Kunz asked if we are in code to be a shelter. Fortier stated that he would have to check but the generator is one issue. Lucas stated that accessibility is also an issue. Kunz stated that it makes sense to go digital. He stated that it is good for us to have a conversation with Chief Ducharme after the review and homeland security findings.

5.5 NHSBA Call for Resolutions: Nelson stated that annually the NHSBA asks all boards to come forward with any resolutions that they would like to see them adopt. She stated that there are a list of things that they support and the deadline is October 23rd which is after the next board meeting so if anyone has time to go to their website and look at the resolutions and

document things that they support. She stated that they do a good job of supporting boards and education and they support local control. Supt. Mosca stated that she will put it back on the agenda next month.

5.6 Interview Potential Board Members: Nelson stated that we had a couple of people express interest and one came forward. She stated that you all read the letter from Andrea and asked if anyone had any questions for her or if she had any questions. Andrea Anderson stated that she is firmly behind their mission and she feels that she could be a good candidate with her active subbing for 11 years. Leach stated that she works on another board with Andrea and she is very helpful and an effective person to have around. Supt. Mosca stated that the next steps is to get sworn in at the town hall and then bring the form to the SAU and she will meet with her and do a board orientation. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to approve the nomination of Andrea Anderson to fill the vacant board seat. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

6. Action Items

6.1 Policies: GBAA-Sexual Harassment Employee/Staff, GBAA-Confidential Student

Information: A motion made by Leach seconded by Kunz to accept the policies as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

6.2 Policy EEAA change to RSA 189:68 (Recording Devices in Classrooms): Supt. Mosca stated that this is a recommended policy and normally we only do required. She stated that audio and video surveillance we have been doing for years and the legislation passed an RSA to talk about recording equipment and can only happen after the board approval. She stated that we have been doing this all the time; we use Ipad's and do recordings. She stated that the legislators became concerned around the special education alternative assessment that are done used to be a portfolio and it has moved to digital recordings. She stated that is what sparked the concern and this was the change to the policy. She stated that right now we can't do any recordings without this. She stated that the other piece is that it is posted and there is time for public comment at the end of the meeting on this policy if people have questions and concerns. She stated that we need approval for this and then we will need to send the form home again for parents to sign. Nelson stated that this is something that we have done all along and it has been posted in the school and there is no change to anything that has happened. Leach stated that we are still signing the same thing and it doesn't change anything for audio recordings. Supt. Mosca stated that no, it is just a formality for the public hearing. Robinson stated that he knows that some parents are concerned with video recording and sending home the form everyone will be informed so he is okay with it. He stated that he is not okay with just because we walk in to the school we are going to be recorded. Supt. Mosca stated that even now if they say they don't want to they let us know and we honor that already. She stated that we are very cautious to make sure. She stated that this is just to add the piece with recording. Lucas stated that when the newspaper comes they meet with me to make sure that it is not someone who can't be photographed and we are really good about making sure that doesn't happen. Leach stated that publishing the image is different than recording the image so we need to pay attention to that fact and be sensitive to that. She stated that capturing the image is not a good practice. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to accept the policy as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

6.3 Thursday Marshwood Bus: Supt. Mosca stated that she handed out bus counts and they will continue to get these on a monthly basis. She stated that Mary and I have worked out some problems and we are communicating with each other and filtering to who we need to get problems solved. She stated that we have a problem on Thursdays with leaving the grade school at 8:25 and getting to Marshwood Middle and High School by 8:55. She stated that we have three options:

Option 1: On Thursdays the buses go out and gather all kids K-12 and come to RGS and drop off the kids and then head to Marshwood Middle and High School but we would pick up on the K-6 schedule.

Option 2: Marshwood has 35-40 kids who don't do late start on Thursday and they have breakfast and get work done and the library and the gym are open and they have staff supervision. She stated that we could do the other four days schedule on Thursday and it would be the same schedule on all five days without a late start on Thursday.

Option 3: Add two buses for Thursday and that would be at a cost.

Leach stated that option 3 is a no right off. Robinson stated that either they get up at the same time and ride the bus longer or they get up the same time and get to school early. He stated that this is not an academic issue and he would love to have student input on it. Nelson stated that she does not like the idea of K-12 riding all three buses. She stated that it is very difficult to agree to a five year old and an 18 year old on a bus together. She stated that in my mind it is down to students don't get a late start. Robinson stated that as a board we made a decision to have a late bus after school and he is not ready to eliminate the opportunity of adding a bus on Thursday. Leach stated that she sees what he is saying but he doesn't see why it would be detrimental to students to not have late start as they can get extra help on Thursday and there is a potential for an added benefit to get to school early. Kunz stated that we are adding an additional cost that we don't need to. This is being more fiscally responsible and we already have a system on the other days and for continuity it won't be harmful for kids to get there on time. Leach stated that it would be two buses. Supt. Mosca stated that the big problem is the magnitude of the area to cover. Kunz stated that he doesn't see the sense in adding buses and he doesn't see the logic behind late start. Leach stated that she was talking to a Marshwood parent and she said that most parents can't stand late start Thursday. Kunz stated that we should not add to the fiscal insanity, at the minimum it is \$100 a day and that will add up and he thinks we should avoid it at all possible. Nelson stated that one reason of getting the bus counts is to see the usage because we don't want to run a bus for five kids but it will take time to work its way out and whatever decision we make we need to see how parents and students react. Supt. Mosca stated that as we get the bus totals they will change based on seasons and athletic participation. Leach stated that her son has been staying late to do homework and hang out in the gym and they might have similar offerings on Thursday mornings. Kunz stated that if they know they will have all Rollinsford kids they will do something. Robinson stated that he will move forward with another option because we don't have a choice but he would like to hear from parents and students and for \$400 a month and \$3600 a year to run two buses we need to take advantage of the benefits that Marshwood offers and feels it would be money well spent. He stated that when the money is for students and the benefits we need to look at the added expense and by not considering that option to add a bus we are doing a disservice. Leach asked Alan to clarify on what he meant by not taking advantage of the benefits. Robinson stated the delayed start benefits. Nelson stated that research shows that high school students are going to school too early and

we may see in the future high school students starting later. Robinson stated that research aside the Rollinsford board and the town voted to send students to Marshwood and part of that means following their schedule and it is our responsibility to make sure that actions are taken to care for our students. Kunz stated that our role is to do that and by the bus being on the same schedule as the other days it is more logical than anything else. He stated that we already have so many moving parts and he is trying to look at this practically. He stated that we are not doing any harm and if they know the kids are coming Marshwood could change what they are offering and it could open a whole host of things for our kids and it could be an opportunity. Robinson stated that he has a hard time justifying why we are paying for a late bus but we are not willing to provide a bus when school starts. He stated that when we look at bussing in the future we may need to spend a little more money. He stated that we are making our kids stand out because they have to go to school early and he doesn't want them to be different than anyone else. Nelson stated that we may make a decision but it may not be for all time, everyone has made some good points. Robinson stated that he is willing to move forward with option two for tonight. Supt. Mosca stated that in the meantime she will talk to the bus company on a quote for two buses on Thursday mornings and will put it on the agenda again for discussion. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach to go with option two. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously. Supt. Mosca asked how we will get the word out. Leach stated that she will draft a letter to put out on the website. Nelson stated that we have had some problems with the bus runs and she would like to thank Emily for jumping in on Facebook to defuse the situation. She stated that the police did ask the question about plowing and who is going to be responsible for plowing. Supt. Mosca stated that she will check on it and do some research. Nelson stated that the town does the school so it would be good to get an answer.

7. Financial Update:

7.1 Budget: Nelson stated that we received the financial information in the packet for the end of year 14/15 and the beginning year 15/16. Robinson stated that he met with Marie and they sent the initial report to the budget committee and the plan is after the meeting to send the entire report to the budget committee to have the line by line item detail. He stated that it will be the expectation that these are the reports that we will get on a monthly basis. He stated that the important thing is that when we bring these to the town we can talk about each individual line and location. He stated that he is very pleased with how it is set up but he was surprised at the unused balance of \$136,488 as he felt it was a little high but we have that due to the tuition savings. He stated that we won't see that savings this year.

8. New Business:

9. Old Business:

9.1 Community Building Sub Committee: Nelson stated that the work you have been doing keeping people informed has been helpful. Leach stated that next week she will get on forming the committee and will get on a regular schedule. She stated that it was nice to have a successful resolution to what was turning into quite a problem.

10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- **September 21 2015- SAU 56 Board Meeting**
- **October 7 2015- Marshwood School Board Meeting**

- **October 14 2015- Rollinsford School Board and Marshwood School Board Joint Meeting**
- **October 15 2015- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**

Nelson stated that she and Jeni met with Mary Nash and their school board chair to go over the agenda for the first joint meeting and we will set meeting dates and talk about how things are going. Supt. Mosca stated that we typically meet the third Thursday of the month and eventually we will run into Maine Vacation and then the fourth Thursday runs into NH vacation so she wondered if we should look at meeting the second Thursday so we don't hit any vacations. Nelson stated that everyone can think about it and we will put on the next agenda. She stated that we hope to have an October meeting with Dr. Joyce. Supt. Mosca stated that he was hoping to get to Mary next week and she assumes by the end of this month or early next month. Nelson stated that historically we have our first budget workshop in October. Supt. Mosca stated that we have started preliminary work but what is going to be different is we have no historical data from Marshwood so we will create the tuition side of the budget for next year based on what we currently know and do the best we can. She stated that we know it will take at least three years before we have a complete picture. She stated that we will have a budget workshop in early October.

11. School Events:

- **September 17 2015-RGS Open House**

12. Closing Comments:

12.1 Visitors: Reegan Spinney stated that she would like to thank the board for the late bus it is a huge help so she appreciates that. She asked if Marshwood will have staff for before school care. Supt. Mosca stated that they have supervision now for their kids. Aimee Krauss stated that she would like to thank the board for their hard work and their discussion have been well thought out and with the interest of kids in mind which is of the utmost importance and she appreciates them doing their best to be a liaison between the town and the school with kids at the center.

12.2 Board Members: Robinson thanked everyone for dealing with him on the phone. Nelson thanked everyone for coming.

13 Non-Public: A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to exit into nonpublic session in accordance with chapter 91-A: 3 II (a) Student Issue and II (b) Personnel (e) Negotiations. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited into nonpublic session at 8:30pm. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 9:29pm.

14 Adjournment: A motion made by Leach seconded by Kunz to adjourn. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval