

1. **Call to Order-Roll Call- Pledge of Allegiance:** Paula Woolley called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and upon call of the roll the following board members were present: Kunz, Pass, Woolley, Robinson and Nelson.
2. **Comments by Visitors:** Bailey Haines stated that she is here to represent the students of Somersworth. She stated that the student council established officers and she was elected president of the freshman class. She stated that they are starting to plan fundraisers and their first big fundraiser is the pumpkin festival and everyone is participating. She stated that spirit week is next week with a rally on Friday and each class will be designing a banner. Gail O'Connor asked that when they do the budget that they look to raise the sub pay for nurses. She stated that currently it is \$75 a day and other districts pay more than that. Woolley asked her to get rates from other districts. O'Connor stated that she would make some calls.
3. **Consent Calendar**
 - 3.1 **Removal of items from the consent calendar:** Nelson stated that there was a question raised at the last meeting regarding honors jump from grades 11 to 12. Supt. Mosca stated that she asked Sharon and the answer is that gentleman mature their senior year whereas females get the scope and sequence as freshman, the gentleman take a few years and their interests spark their senior year.
 - 3.2 **Approval of consent calendar:** A motion made by Robinson seconded by Nelson to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:
 - **August 21 2014- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
 - **September 3 2014- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Public Forum**
 - **Rollinsford Grade School Newsletter**
 - **Rollinsford Grade School Calendar**
 - **IDEA Approval Letter**
4. **Announcements:** None
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - 5.1 **SAU 56 Team Report:** Woolley stated that the report is in the packet if anyone has any questions.
 - 5.2 **Principal Report:** Woolley stated that it is in the packet if anyone has any questions. Lucas stated that running club started last spring with 18 kids and this year there are 22 kids with 5-7 adults. She stated that Tracey Zager a math consultant that was here last year has been working on understanding math at a more complex level and there has been a remarkable difference and great things are happening. She stated that she also wants to mention the flexibility of the staff lately. She stated that there have been lots of changes and shifts in a short amount of time and the staff has been so accommodating and the kids have no idea of the chaos that is going on behind the scenes.
 - 5.3 **Somersworth High School Update:** Sharon Lampros stated that they have a homework lab running from 2:30-3:30 four nights a week and there is a bus for both Somersworth and

Rollinsford. She stated that there was a question last month about the honor roll for grade 12 and the percentage being higher and the reason is that boys don't figure it out until their junior and senior years and girls are consistent.

5.4 **Somersworth Middle School Update:** None

5.5 **Rollinsford Student Representative Report:** None

5.6 **Review of the following policies: IK-Earning of credit, IMBD-HS Credit 7th/8th Grade Coursework, JICJ- Unauthorized Communication Devices, JIH- Student Searches and Their Property, JIH-R- Search of Students, JLCC-Communicable Diseases:** Supt. Mosca stated that there were some changes over the summer in regards to legislative changes and these are some of those. Nelson asked if we still need these because this is an elementary school. Supt. Mosca stated that you still have student's grades 7-12. Woolley asked if they could change the RGS in the corner to RSD. Supt. Mosca stated that they can do that. Woolley stated that they will be on the next agenda for action.

5.7 **Call for NHSBA resolutions:** Woolley stated that if anyone has any we have until the 24th.

6. Action Items

6.1 **Parent Transition Survey:** Robinson stated that it is important that we get this out as soon as possible and he would like to see it go forward tonight. Woolley stated that she would recommend that we have a parent signature on the form. Nelson stated that she would like to see it all on one line with student name, grade and school. A motion made by Pass seconded by Nelson to accept the survey with the changes made. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Pass stated that she will coordinate with Jeni on getting the addresses and mail them out. D'Agostino asked if there was a due date to return them back. Pass stated that she will coordinate with Jeni on the date as well.

6.2 **Kindergarten Full Day:** Supt. Mosca stated that Kate approached her regarding full day kindergarten and Becky is ready to go October 6th. Lucas stated that she has nine in the morning and six in the afternoon for a total of fifteen. She stated that Kathy Biron Brooks is here in the morning helping the kindergarten with literacy and it would be helpful for the afternoon kids to have access to Kathy. A motion made by Nelson seconded by Pass to approve full day kindergarten effective October 6th. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Pass asked if it is her preference to start out morning and afternoon and then go to full day. Lucas stated yes because we don't know what we are going to have for needs and it is nice for the kids to transition to full day, it has been the right way to do it.

6.3 **Construction Management Firm:** Woolley stated that we need to make a choice. She stated that it was a lot of reading and the presentations were good and she thought by the time they got to the fourth one she was going to be like oh my god but they are the ones who got her attention. Nelson stated that she can narrow it down to Eckman and Harvey. She stated that Eckman kept their interest and they were the last ones. She stated that both of them emphasized safety of students with the badges and the background checks. She stated that Eckman was more focused on student involvement. She stated that she could flip a coin for either of them. Pass stated that they would do well with either firm. Woolley stated that based on how much Eckman put into the process she wondered if they were being reactive on the reason they would be so detailed ahead of time. Nelson stated

that she felt that they were being proactive because they emphasized safety. Woolley stated that Eckman went above and beyond. Pass stated that they have a history with Banwell so they knew what to expect. Woolley stated that she was very impressed by Eckman and the team effort. Nelson stated and they did option 7. Kunz stated that they both were good and he felt that the others were evasive with the questions. He stated that Harvey was good at the beginning and set the bar for the rest. He stated that he agrees that Eckman was safety focused. He stated that he feels that the decision will come down to cost and prior work references. Dick Fortier stated that he talked to facilities directors and they were very happy with working with both companies. He stated that he would pick Eckman because he was impressed with their presentation. Lucas stated that she liked both. She stated that the presentation that Eckman did was well done but Harvey also did a beautiful trifold handout that was just as well presented. She stated that Harvey came with five people and was a diverse group and we may have a better chance of reaching our diverse community but either way she will be thrilled. Kunz asked how close they came with price. Woolley stated that she feels that this is the one time that we can be frugal with money and go with the lower cost because we can be happy with both. Nelson stated that it doesn't mean that they will come in with a lower GMP. Supt. Mosca stated that what impressed me with Harvey is the diverse group that included a woman who had such passion for the projects and was extremely impressive. Kunz stated that he thought Eckman did a good presentation but we aren't the only ones we have to sell this to. Harvey had a diverse group which gives them a leg up and their experience and reputation is well known, it may be something to consider. Lucas stated that Eckman's phasing plan was superior to Harvey's and it was most thoughtful to our needs. Nelson state that Eckman was more focused on the school and the students. Pass stated that we have to remember that the interviews were not the same either. Kunz stated that this is not their first rodeo and they should know how to present. Nelson stated that when she asked Harvey if this was a small job for them they came right back with no that it was right in their wheel house. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Pass to award the contract to Harvey Construction. Robinson asked that he would like a record of why we are choosing the more expensive option. Kunz stated that he felt that they were more experienced, they were the first ones and set the bar and they weren't canned answers. Pass stated that they have recent experience with similar projects; they have passion and the diversity of the team and what they can bring to our town. Kunz stated that they can sell it to the town and answer all the questions. Nelson stated that Harvey has the overall experience. Kunz stated that he doesn't feel that this is where we take the risk to save a few dollars. He stated that Banwell has done a great job and now we need to compliment that with the right level of experience. Robinson stated that he wasn't here for the interviews and he had to rely on the reading and the minutes and he came to the same conclusion based on those and he just felt it was important to record why we were choosing the more expensive option. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously. Supt. Mosca asked if they wanted to talk about the direction they want to go with Banwell and if they want to enter into another phase with them. Nelson stated that the answer has to be yes. Supt. Mosca stated that Banwell has finished phase one and

Ingrid made us aware and we need to do something and this is the time to discuss moving forward with the next phase. Nelson stated that we have money in the budget. D'Agostino stated that we have some money budgeted. She stated that in her experience it is better with both firms together. She stated that you have to spend money up front but you won't have as many change orders which cost money because things won't need to be changed because they deal with issues together. Nelson stated that the construction management firm won't be paid anything now right. D'Agostino stated that it is \$7,000 for Harvey for Pre-Construction. She stated that some firms will waive that but you have to count on paying that. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Nelson to enter into phase two with Banwell to work with the Construction Management Firm. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Nelson stated that the firms mentioned that the building permits are usually waived and it was discussed at the meeting and the answer was of course they would be waived. Kunz stated that now that we have hired a construction firm is there a time frame for solid numbers because he thinks that we need to get this out front as soon as possible with bond impact on taxes. Nelson stated that we need to control the message to the public. She stated that there is a display in the library with timelines and it says we will have the GMP by November 1st. She stated that we all need to be saying the same thing. Supt. Mosca stated that the next step is to have a building committee meeting once we get the contracts signed with Harvey and Banwell. D'Agostino stated that at the next forum we should have the bond bank come and speak.

7. Financial Update:

7.1 **Budget:** D'Agostino stated that the budget update is preliminary things will change. She stated that she also put in the packet a reminder about getting the manifests signed. She stated that the audit is a few weeks away and it is important to get these signed on a timely basis. She stated that she also included the rates for NH Retirement for the next two years and this is what we will use for budgeting.

8. New Business

9. Old Business

9.1 **Transition Update:** Woolley stated that we have the survey that will be going out. Pass stated that she has talked to families that have already transitioned to Marshwood and they are happy with their decision. Nelson asked if we have a number of those that have already transferred. Supt. Mosca stated that he has that. Nelson stated that she mentioned at the last meeting about reaching out to make the transition go smooth and in the tuition agreement it talks about Marshwood will form a group to make the transition go smooth. Pass stated that she can contact them and have that discussion. Supt. Mosca stated that the thought behind that was that in the spring they would have a step up day which is the same as going to any other school. She stated that there is no expectation to dictate the curriculum here at the grade school to align with theirs. Nelson stated that we haven't been sending kids there so we need to prepare them. Woolley stated that we have kids who go to St. Thomas and other schools; we are training them to go to another school no matter what school they go to. Supt. Mosca stated that it might be a few years of sending kids that Marshwood might see things they need to do but it won't be immediate. She stated that

Mary does want to know how many students and what courses as they are planning on hiring staff. Lucas stated that she feels like there will be conversation between her and the principal at the junior high. She stated that she wants to know that our kids have an opportunity to flourish based on what they are doing here. She stated that we are fostering kids to be deep thinkers and that doesn't happen everywhere. She stated that is just a natural conversation that will happen. Gail O'Connor stated that she has spoken to the school nurse and we are far ahead of them on immunizations, we require more than them so we are all set there.

- 9.2 **Building Committee-Judy:** Nelson stated that there has been a lot of interest out there. She spoke to David Watters the state senator and he knows that there is no state aid but he did get money for Dover for CTC and he has committed himself to looking into getting money for Rollinsford. Supt. Mosca stated that CTC is different dollars. Nelson stated that she wanted to ask the board if we should pursue LCHIP money, Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. D'Agostino stated that these are great opportunities and that is part of the discussion with the construction management firm and they reach out to them. Nelson stated that overall the public says that we must do this but at what cost. Kunz stated that he would like to know what our contingency is if this doesn't pass. He stated that there are a lot of issues based on the needs assessment and things are going to have to be fixed. He stated that his concern is that if this doesn't pass then what is our focus to make sure the building is safe. Supt. Mosca stated that will be part of the budget conversation. She stated that she will be sitting with Kate, Marie and Dick to talk about things that we can phase in and there might be warrants if the bond doesn't pass. Nelson stated that she agrees that it is important to have a plan B. Kunz stated that the building committee needs to carry on and take a two track approach. Nelson stated that it is also important that we all have individual reasons why we believe that local education is very important. Pass stated that she is also getting the question of how much it is to build new. Nelson stated that it would be right around \$7 million but we need a 15 acre site and there is no site in Rollinsford to do this and that would double the cost with the land. Robinson stated that when we go forward we need a waiver for this site. Lucas stated that Banwell said that they would work on the waivers immediately. D'Agostino stated that we have to fill out an application with the state and it is a long process. Nelson stated that we used to have 9.3 school board goals on the agenda. Supt. Mosca stated that she took it off because they are on the back of the agenda. Nelson stated that the reason to keep it on is so we could review them periodically. Robinson stated that he thinks that we are doing well; we are keeping the community informed and have been present at community events. Nelson stated that she hoped to be a bigger presence at the open house. She stated that we also set a goal to have 2-3 student presentations and asked if we should schedule those. Lucas stated that she had an excellent idea from a staff member. We have been working on the culture of the school and one of the things they are doing is there are five themes of sticks and stone and we are recognizing kids on those and it would be nice for those kids to come and report to you on why they were recognized and they could lead you through the RGS pledge. Woolley stated that would be awesome. She stated that everyone had good intent

of going to the open house but everyone has busy lives and she got the calendar tonight and she will make a better attempt to go but you can only spread yourself so thin. Dick Fortier stated that that the kids know when you show up and they notice that you are there and they take notice that you are involved and it makes a difference. Nelson stated that Dick stepped in at the end of the open house and showed people the plans. Woolley stated that she feels like they are getting their hands slapped for not attending but she has to pick and choose what to go to as there are a lot of different events that the community sees us getting involved in. Nelson stated that looking at the goals if we set them we should strive to meet them.

10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- September 23 2014- Somersworth School Board Meeting
- October 14 2014- Somersworth School Board Meeting
- October 16 2014- Rollinsford School Board Meeting

11. Closing Comments:

11.1 **Visitors:** None

11.2 **Board Members:** Robinson stated that he is not available for the meeting on the 16th.

12. Non-Public: In Accordance with Chapter 91-A:3 II (a) Student Issue, (b) Personnel, (c) Matter which, if discussed in public would likely affect the reputation of any person, (d) consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property, (e) Negotiations, (i) Considerations of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions. A motion made by Pass seconded by Nelson to exit into nonpublic session. Exited into non-public session at 7:55pm. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Nelson to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited out of nonpublic session at 8:30pm.

13. Adjournment: A motion made by Nelson seconded by Robinson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval