

- 1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm upon call of the roll the following members were present: Austin, Pepin, Paradis, Nelson, Rivers, Kunz, Robinson and Anderson. Yoder and Leach (late) Absent: Brennan, Gibson, Hiller and Bolduc.

A motion made by Kunz seconded by Paradis to exit into nonpublic in accordance with chapter 91-A: 3, II (b) Personnel. VOTE: Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Exited into nonpublic at 6:30pm. A motion made by Joanne Pepin seconded by Paradis to exit out of nonpublic. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 6:46pm.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1 Removal of items from the consent calendar: None

2.2 Approval of consent calendar: A motion made by Austin seconded by Nelson to accept the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:

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3. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE: None

4. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

4.1 Budget: D'Agostino stated that included in the packet is this year's current budget and as you can see based on the savings in the certified staff line we have a balance of \$88,000. She stated that in regards to the FY 16/17 budget the only changes in version two is the certified staff from a 0% to a 2% increase and taking the \$200,000 from the fund balance. Austin stated that he would like the board to keep in mind that when you look at the net assessment of \$918,089, if we were to accept this when we come back next year we will be looking for \$200,000 to make up for that, much like we experienced in Somersworth with the premium holiday. He stated that next year we will be looking for \$200,000 more just to break even and he doesn't want them to lose sight of that. He stated that his thought is that this is a way to give money back to the taxpayers but shorting ourselves we will have to ask for it all over again next year. Nelson asked what is a better way to use the fund balance, maybe come down slower over the next five years. Robinson stated that we are adding another \$88,000 to it as of today so we are increasing the fund all the time. He stated that the idea is not to continue to grow that fund. Nelson stated that she doesn't think that we can bind future boards by saying we are going to take \$100,000 each year for the next two years. Kunz asked what is a more reasonable approach. Austin stated that we could use the \$85,000 that it would increase so we would make it whole. Nelson stated that we could use that plus \$50,000 to bring the fund down. Robinson stated that at the last meeting we decided we wanted to maintain a \$200,000 fund balance. Kunz asked what the \$200,000 represents. Robinson stated that the idea was to bring the fund balance to \$200,000 to where we want to stabilize it. He asked if we have ever used it. Supt. Mosca stated that we used it when the Superintendent here announced a late retirement for her payout and the cost of the interim Superintendent who covered until someone was hired. She stated that when they started they looked at a reasonable fund balance if two or three people retired at the same time in order to cover that. Kunz asked if there is something we are anticipating or expecting anything catastrophic. Paradis stated that it makes sense to take the \$88,000 and add another \$50,000 to it as a place to start. Robinson stated that if we take that it would be \$138,000 so he would suggest we go to \$150,000. D'Agostino stated that the board also had asked us to look at equipment replacement for the SAU and they talked to IT and one recommendation is to replace the server at the SAU office because currently it resides at the high school and due to the location it is very slow and for productivity it could hinder it. She stated that they got a quote to replace the server and increase bandwidth for approximately \$15,000. Paradis asked if that would put the server in your building that makes sense. D'Agostino stated that also Jeni asked today to upgrade the board's Ipads to the Ipad air and the total is approximately \$7200 to replace them with covers and warranty for 14 Ipads. Kunz stated that these things aren't getting that much use, that is a lot of money so I can't see replacing them. Robinson stated that the idea of going with the Ipads was to reduce the packets; \$7200 is a lot of packets. Kunz stated that isn't there something else that you need. D'Agostino stated that they did the projector and smart board two years ago and they asked Andy for any facility needs and there aren't any. Austin stated that moving

the server is a good idea. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Paradis to authorize the purchase of a server with this year's budget not to exceed \$16,000. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Robinson stated that we did reduce the fund balance by \$16,000 so he will concede the \$150,000 to \$135,000. Austin stated that he would like to see \$100,000 and see what that looks like because if next year if we need to take more we are cutting it close. Kunz stated that a big thing would be a catastrophic event. Robinson stated that most of the catastrophic events insurance would cover; it is basically to pay out retirements and things like that. Supt. Mosca stated that we also used it for financial software. Joanne Pepin stated that she likes this especially where the tax cap may not have an increase so this will help to bring the budget down. Leach stated that we could still pull from it the following year instead of upping the budget. Austin stated that he would ask them to remember that part of the fund balance portion would have to be made up and he doesn't want to set us up for a big increase. Nelson stated that she is sympathetic to that but she is still comfortable with the \$150,000 but she would be comfortable with \$125,000. D'Agostino stated that just an FYI workers comp and property and liability is not included in here. She stated at the \$125,000 it would be a \$12,000 decrease for Rollinsford and \$89,000 for Somersworth for a total of \$101,000 decrease. Robinson stated that it was consensus of the board to use \$125,000 from the fund balance. D'Agostino stated that the only other changes to the budget will be adding the Property and liability and workers comp and the change in the fund balance. She stated that PLT got notification that they can't do any business after July 1st, they went to the state for an appeal and they were denied, they will pay existing claims only. She stated that she will be meeting with Primex tomorrow to see the options. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Paradis to move the budget forward to public hearing with the \$125,000 coming from fund balance and changes to workers comp and property and liability if any. Robinson stated that he will not be voting for the budget because he can't support the 2.5% raise for nonprofessional staff because Rollinsford is not going with that. VOTE: upon roll call vote, the motion passed 8 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention.

5. EMPLOYEES: None

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

- December 7th 2015- Public Hearing followed by SAU Board Meeting
- March 21 2016- SAU 56 Board Meeting

9. CLOSING COMMENTS

9.1 Visitors: None

9.2 Board Members: None

10. Non-Public Session: None

11. ADJOURNMENT: A motion made by Paradis seconded by Kunz to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.