

1. **Call to Order-Roll Call- Pledge of Allegiance:** Supt. Mosca called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and upon call of the roll the following board members were present: Kunz, Nelson, Anderson, Leach and Robinson (via phone).
  - 1.1 **Election of Officers:** Nelson stated that before we elect she would like to give a rundown of the positions. She stated that the chairperson organizes and runs the meeting and has a pre-meeting with the Superintendent the week before. She stated that she also felt as the chair an ex officio member of the sub committees in order to stay informed. She stated that the Vice chair fills in for the chair as necessary. The secretary does any official correspondence from the board and also stays on top of education appreciation week to do our part. She stated that the negotiations committee has two people on the committee and you should plan on eight or so meetings or more and it happens in a two to three month span so it can be intense. She stated that the budget committee member meets quarterly and a lot during budget season. They also do a presentation during the budget process. The NHSBA representative goes to one meeting in January.
    - **Chairperson:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to nominate Judy Nelson as chairperson. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
    - **Vice Chairperson:** A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach to nominate Tom Kunz as Vice Chairperson. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
    - **Secretary:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to nominate Emily Leach as secretary. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
  - 1.2 **Committee Assignments:**
    - **Negotiations:** A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach to nominate Judy Nelson as a member of the negotiations committee: VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. A motion made by Leach seconded by Anderson to nominate Tom Kunz as a member of the negotiations committee. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
    - **Delegate and Alternate to NHSBA:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to nominate Judy Nelson as the Delegate and Andrea Anderson as the alternate to the NHSBA. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
    - **Town Budget Committee:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to nominate Alan Robinson as the member on the Town Budget Committee. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
    - **Alternate Town Budget Committee:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to nominate Judy Nelson as the Alternate Member of the town budget committee. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
2. **Comments by Visitors:** Tracey Laurion congratulated and thanked everyone for their hard work and it was a big win for the town, school and community with everyone being involved it went really well. She stated that it was great to see something positive come out of it.

### 3. Consent Calendar

#### 3.1 Removal of items from the consent Calendar: None

3.2 **Approval of consent calendar:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:

- February 11<sup>th</sup> 2016- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board
- February 11<sup>th</sup> 2016- Minutes of the Public Hearing on the tax cap
- February 10<sup>th</sup> 2016- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board- Marshwood School Board Joint Meeting
- Email Kerry Tice-MSAD 35 Board Chair
- Enrollment-March

4. **Announcements:** Supt. Mosca stated that Kate Salvati has been our treasurer for a long time and has left the position and we have a new treasurer and asked if it was the wish of the board to do a plaque and invite her to a meeting. Nelson stated that is a great idea, she has earned it. Nelson stated that she would like to thank the amazing coalition of folks who worked to get information out and get voters to the polls. She stated that there was an amazing cross section of people at the polls. She stated that when she was talking to the town clerk a father came in to vote with his son and while she was checking in the father she asked the son if he was here to vote and he said I am here to support my school. She stated that she also spoke to Brian Pelleren who said he would like to stay involved and said we could call upon him if we need anything. She stated that we were invited by MSAD 35 and 60 to attend the movie and our principal sat on the panel and we had a great staff turnout. She stated that they are just starting to explore this type of education. We are fortunate that RGS is using this approach and we are well ahead of the curve. Anderson stated that she would have loved to go but she is curious how the discussion was and if there was any good dialogue. Nelson stated that Kate was amazing and it was apparent that the others were scripted. She stated that Kate could speak from experience and the heart. Lucas stated that the questions were sent out a week ahead and you put your name on the ones you wanted to answer. She stated that the students were more scripted. Leach asked what the make-up of the panel was. Lucas stated that it was the gifted and talented coordinator from MSAD 35, a senior from Marshwood High School, Fred from the Marshwood School Board, Assistant Principal at Noble, Senior Science student, a teacher in the science department and me. She stated that one interesting thing is that they are trying it in pockets or after school. She stated that the science teacher at the end said that it only happened in his AP classes and that is hard for me to hear that it is only happening for pockets of kids.

### 5. Discussion Items:

5.1 **Principal Update:** Lucas stated that based on the votes from Tuesday they are working on an RFP to go out to bid. She stated that they have also been attending PACE workshops and have been engaging in rich conversation and are moving forward with whether or not this is the path that RGS wants to go in the next few months. Anderson asked what PACE is. Supt. Mosca stated Performance Assessment of Competency Education. She stated that it started with four schools in NH as an alternative to look at testing so it is more embedded and not

just taking a state test which is a shift of what we normally do for assessments. She stated that now there is a second cohort that is involved and RGS has been involved this year on workshops and hopefully will start next year. Nelson stated that she strongly encourages them to get involved because of it being a local assessment. She stated that we have to wait so long for the results from the state testing and we can't improve teaching and learning if we have to wait months for the results.

- 5.2 **Marshwood Student Representative-Tyler Schontag:** Schontag stated that spring sports are starting which are track, softball, baseball and lacrosse. He stated that the last showing of Winter Tale is this weekend. March 25<sup>th</sup> is the start of the spring musical Footloose. Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> the senior class will be having a dodge ball tournament.
- 5.3 **Rollinsford Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines:** Supt. Mosca stated that Bailey couldn't be here tonight so she will read her report. Student council will be holding their second annual wheelchair basketball game on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. National Honor Society will be hosting a teacher luncheon on March 18<sup>th</sup>. They will also be holding a blood drive in the spring. She stated that they will be sending care packages to a local family affected with cancer. April 6<sup>th</sup> is a math meet. The interact and STEAM club is cohosting a semi-formal on April 1<sup>st</sup> with a casino royale theme. The freshman class is having a March Madness basketball game on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Sophomores are working on prom themes for next year, Juniors are finalizing their prom details and the seniors are doing a game night and designing t-shirts.
- 5.4 **Maintenance Priority List:** Nelson stated that the budget is frozen so there is no money to consider this at the moment so she doesn't see any point in talking about it and they will table it.
- 5.5 **Survey Rollinsford Grade School Parents:** Leach stated that overall the people are happy with the transition and school. She stated that they asked nine questions with questions such as how well the transition went, if the students were academically prepared, did they fit in socially, do they take part in extracurricular activities, how welcome they feel as a parent, is there appropriate communication in place and if they wanted to share anything else with us. She stated that it was a scale of 1-5 with one being negative and five being positive and not one question got less than a 4. She stated that the comments were that this was the best choice that we made for our students by far and the negative comments were the buses. She stated that there were some suggestions in the comments that may be helpful to us at RGS such as teaching time management and study skills. Nelson stated that we don't want to change our way of educating here, we want the transition to go smoothly so they can quickly adapt. Anderson stated that the overwhelming response was the teachers at marshwood are very helpful. Leach stated that some of the comments were specific to coming from RGS to the Middle school. Kunz stated that he is not sure that that matters even if they went to Somersworth. Leach stated that it is true going from elementary to middle school. Supt. Mosca stated that any time you transition from elementary to middle school or middle school to high school there are pieces you work on for transition. The transition this year was fairly seamless and worked well and folks adjusted. She stated that the bus stuff has been worked out and a lot of it was adjusting to

the change of venue, weather, and transfer stops. She stated that you don't know what you don't know until you hit the bumps. Kunz stated that this was a good way to keep our finger on the pulse of what parents are thinking about Marshwood and he thinks that this would be a good tool to have at the same time each year if this was a good time of year. It lets parents know we want to know what they think. Anderson stated that she thinks it was a good time. Supt. Mosca stated that if we do it at the same time we are comparing apples to apples. Nelson stated that we wanted to discuss if we want to do the same with the RGS parents. Kunz stated that the reason he suggested this is after what transpired with the recent warrant articles it would be nice to talk to the parents to see what they love and what we can work on and get their feedback. He stated that this gives us the opportunity to give us the good and the ugly stuff and see what we can do. He stated that he thinks it is a good idea. He stated that if the warrant comes up again we can show people the results. Leach stated that the community building committee can get together and add a staff member from the school to come up with questions. Lucas stated that they started a survey last year but didn't move forward with it so we have some information we can share.

**5.6 Co-Teaching 2016-17:** Supt. Mosca stated that Kate and I have been meeting and the details aren't worked out yet but the whole purpose is to create flexibility with enrollments and the other piece that it takes into consideration is full day kindergarten. She stated that will be the direction that we move in and we will by late spring have nailed down what it will look like. Nelson stated that we are going co-teaching throughout the school. Supt. Mosca stated yes. Nelson stated that she said last week that full day kindergarten is what we should do. Supt. Mosca stated that it is happening everywhere. Lucas stated that it is important for kids but for those kids who are at the younger age some parents like to keep their kids at half a day or start out half day and move to full day and we welcome that so that is an important message for parents.

**5.7 Date of Board Retreat:** Nelson stated that we need to set a date for a board retreat to do team building, and set goals and a mission and talk more about sub committees. She stated that it would be great to do before the April meeting. The date was set for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the SAU office.

## **6. Action Items:**

**6.1 Re-nomination of Staff List 2016-2017:** nelson stated that we will discuss this in nonpublic and then act after we come out of nonpublic.

## **7. Financial Update:**

**7.1 Budget:** D'Agostino stated that the budget is included in the packet. She stated that when we started the budget process for 16/17 we knew we had seven new students that entered that we didn't anticipate. She stated that the enrollment between February and March we have had an additional four students who have come in. When we reviewed the budget we decided to freeze the budget because we don't know if more students will come in. She stated that when we are planning on the 17/18 budget it may be good to build in a contingency for this because the Rollinsford budget doesn't have much flexibility. She thanked Dick and Kate for preparing the maintenance list, it was a great exercise and we now have a template for the 17/18 budget. She stated that based on what the community voted to put forward the warrant articles to put

money into the building and special education funds based on the fund balance that may not happen if there is no fund balance. Leach asked what happens if we go in the negative. Nelson stated that we have to go back to the town for money. D'Agostino stated that everything in yellow has been encumbered. All the utilities have been encumbered so there may be some savings there but we have very little flexibility. Nelson stated that last month we were at \$131,000 and this month we are at \$9,000 so if we were to get three or four more students. Leach stated is there anything we can do. Supt. Mosca stated that we will watch it very closely and there is no spending right now. She stated that the budget is on hold and we will keep a close eye as the bills come in. She stated that Marie and I will be going over each line item. Nelson stated that she was not prepared to have so many students move in. Leach stated that this is one of the benefits of having a good middle and high school it is wonderful for our town.

#### **8. New Business:**

#### **9. Old Business:**

**9.1 Community Building Sub Committee:** None

**9.2 Transportation:** Nelson stated that she has been keeping a chart of the late bus and last week we had a total of 18 for the week. Kunz stated that we will have a good idea by June. He stated that his concern is that some kids are not getting involved until spring. He stated that if it doesn't change we do have to take a hard look at it. Nelson stated that there aren't as many riders on Thursday morning to school but everyone rides home. Leach stated that parents are able to drop them off at any time so they may drop them off on their way to work. Nelson stated that it is good to keep an eye on it. Robinson stated that if we get into a crazy budget issue we need to look at transportation in order to recoup money. Nelson stated that is an excellent point. She stated that we already know we saved the midday run next year. She stated that the last five students that moved in aren't accounted for in next year's budget. Lucas stated that our third bus is not coming until 3:30 and the teachers are staying until 3:30. She stated that they already agreed to stay until 3:15 and now it is 3:30. The teachers are being awesome about it and generous of them to stay. Supt. Mosca stated that it is a huge area to cover and the teachers have been very flexible. She stated that next year we have five buses, two dedicated to Marshwood and three dedicated to RGS so this won't be an issue. Nelson stated that contractually it is good to know these things because we are going to have first student in to talk in June. Kunz stated that is there anything else that we need to know when we talk to them. Supt. Mosca stated that she has told Kate that if she has concerns she can come to me. Anderson asked if there is anything we can do to resolve this. Lucas stated that it is a huge space. Supt. Mosca stated that we have tried everything. She stated that it is an eight minute ride from the high school to the middle school. There is nothing else we can do. She commended the staff for being flexible and she appreciates their efforts.

#### **10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:**

- **March 16 2016- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**
- **April 26 2016- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**
- **April 14 2016- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
- **May 4 2016- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**

#### **11. School Events:**

**12. Closing Comments:**

**12.1 Visitors:** Celia Leopold stated that the last six weeks she has had conversations with community members and there is a perception out there that the school is not open to the public and they can't come use the building. She stated that she also wanted to let the board know that some community members believe marshwood's education is far superior based on information that they have. Anderson asked if this is a large number. Leopold stated two or three. She stated that she canvassed quite a bit of the salmon falls district and there are 12-15 houses going up behind me and two of them are older people who believe the school should be staying and one said don't talk to them about the school because they live on locus street and the parents block their driveway. Tracey Laurion stated that with the buses for next year three are going to marshwood and two Rollinsford and asked if Somersworth was in the contract. Nelson stated that there is it is one of the Rollinsford buses. Laurion stated that in regards to transitions in RGS you have one of two teachers who teaches you all subjects and then you go to the middle school where you have two-four teachers teaching you all subjects and then in high school you have seven or eight blocks so there is a transition from going to each school. That in itself is a transition so our kids have been transitioning this way for years and some students are great at organization and some not but she doesn't think that it is any different going from Rollinsford to a middle school whether in one school or another. Leach stated that makes Tom's idea of continuing the process more valid, it is not necessarily which school you transition to it is how prepared the kids are to transition. Charlie Dionne stated that if the budget went from \$131,000 down to \$9,000 that is not just 4 students. Nelson stated that we are up 10 or 11 so we have encumbered all the money we needed through the end of the year.

**12.2 Board Members:** Kunz stated that it was a very good week for RGS. Nelson stated that it was an amazing group of people that worked hard to get information and the word out.

**13 Non-Public:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson 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 7:46pm. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 8:39pm. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to accept the re-nomination list. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

**14 Adjournment:** A motion made by Leach seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Katie Krauss  
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval