

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: Nelson, Anderson, Leach and Robinson. Absent: Kunz Nelson stated that before they get started they would like to recognize our school district treasurer Kate Salvati and thank her for serving for a long time and for doing such a great job.
2. **Comments by Visitors:** Laurie Beakes stated that she would like to have a discussion on the request for a foreign exchange student that was denied. She stated that it would be a 16 year old boy staying with them for one year. She stated that she contacted Dresden School board which is also has across state line school with NH and Vermont and they are the sending town equivalent to what Rollinsford is and they are allotted one tuition free exchange student per year. She stated that since this is a new system for us maybe this is something we can consider if Marshwood is allotted five slots she would like to see Rollinsford allotted one of those spots for free. Nelson stated that she appreciates her interest in having an exchange student, she thinks it is great. We don't have a policy for foreign exchange students because we don't have our own high school and she doesn't want to set any precedent to pay tuition to Marshwood for a foreign exchange student. Laurie Beakes asked why you wouldn't want to set precedent if it is just one slot. I would understand a large number. Nelson stated that this would cost the town \$10,000 to do this and that is a considerable amount of money and as a board we are trying to be fiscally responsible. She stated that we may have discussions in the future but we can't support it at this point. Laurie Beakes stated that she has two children that are not in the school system yet so they are not spending the \$10,000 for them and asked if that means anything to you. Nelson stated that she doesn't have children and she pays taxes in the town so that is not a valid argument to me. Laurie Beakes stated that so right now Rollinsford can't have any exchange students. Nelson stated that as it stands right now, no. She stated that we don't have a policy because it is not our policy to have because we don't have a high school. She stated that she couldn't find a policy for Marshwood either. She stated that Dresden is slightly different because they are one school district. Laurie Beakes stated that she would like to see a policy that allows for one slot for Rollinsford. Nelson thanked her and stated that she appreciates her intent and persistence. Suzanne Huard stated that Laurie came to speak to the select board and clearly the school board has no wish to entertain this but the select board said it is Marshwood that has slots and if it were me I would be knocking on Marshwood's door and generate PR that way. Supt. Mosca stated that we can think about this as we re-negotiate our contract to make that a piece of it. Robinson stated that it is important to note that the outreach was made to Marshwood and they denied the request. We made it known that we are not willing to fund this because it is not in our best interest to spend \$10,000 but if Marshwood would work with us we would be happy to talk to them. He stated that we support foreign exchange students, it is a great opportunity for the school, families and community but at this time we can't support that financial obligation. Laurie Beakes stated that then I should go talk to the Marshwood School Board. Robinson stated that he thinks that is a great idea.

3. **Consent Calendar**

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

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

- March 10 2016- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board
- Rollinsford Grade School Newsletter
- Enrollment-April

4. **Announcements:** Nelson stated that May 3rd is the NHSBA evening for the board. She stated that she will be attending and if other people want to go to let Jeni know. She stated that they had their workshop a couple of weeks ago and they came up with a new mission statement. She stated that last year our mission was “We are actively pursuing keeping education at Rollinsford Grade School. In order to accomplish this, we are aggressively looking to reduce operating costs and asking tough questions regarding the budget”. She stated that this year our mission is “The Rollinsford School Board in collaboration with school and town will continue to provide for quality education while pursuing operating cost reductions at Rollinsford Grade School.” She stated that tomorrow the fifth and sixth grade and the garden club will have clean up at cross street and the road agent will be there as well. She stated that April 30th will be the duck races during open studios at the Mill for an excellent cause The Rollinsford Community Garden. She stated that last night the budget committee met and elected officers. She stated that Nancy Dionne is the Vice Chair and Verne Crosier is the Chair. She stated that the security assessment has been completed. Supt. Mosca stated that we received the report back and we will be sharing some information with you. She stated that Kate and I applied for a security grant and we are 99% sure that we got it. She stated that they will be looking to get interior and exterior cameras. Nelson thanked them both. She stated that we were given short notice and Kate and Jeni jumped on it right away. Supt. Mosca stated that we are moving forward with PACE. She stated that there is a difference between at the table and having a voice at the table. She stated that you can be at the table and be a silent table sitter. She stated that we have been at the table without a voice so it doesn’t make sense for us to move forward next year. She stated that when we can sit at the table in the summer with a voice we can look for 2017-2018. Nelson stated that she was in favor of getting involved but she agrees the time and energy spent if we are not able to have a voice. We have enough things to do here without wasting our time and energy. Supt. Mosca stated that we are moving forward with co-teaching and we spent two hours brainstorming on a variety of things and we will be finalizing the plan.

5. **Discussion Items:**

5.1 **Principal Update:** Lucas stated that she met with Peter Cook and there are a group of us working on how we forge a relationship with ARCH and offer an opportunity for our kids rooted in the history. She stated that they will have access to the property and spend time on the property and have neat ways to explore Rollinsford history. She stated that they were excited to partner with NH Fish and Game to raise trout. She stated that the tank froze and they lost eggs and trout and they thought they were down to three from two hundred. She stated that a student said maybe they should check the filter and they did and

there were 100 trout so they will be releasing 100 fish into the river and it was an awesome experience for our kids. She stated that they had a conversation on the transition to Marshwood and she has been in communication with the middle school and they spent time over here and on April 27th our teachers from the 5/6 team will be going over there to meet with the 7th grade team to talk about what we can share with parents on what they can expect. She stated that we can share with kids ahead of time to get them ready for the transition.

5.2 Marshwood Student Representative-Tyler Schontag: None

5.3 Rollinsford Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines: Bailey Haines stated that the drama club is doing a production of All Shook Up which is based on Elvis. She stated that it is tonight and tomorrow at 7pm and then Sunday at 2 and 7. She stated that the student council had their conference on April 8th in Exeter and they had workshops that were helpful to take back and share. She stated that they will be doing a beach cleanup on April 25th. She stated that National Honor Society is having a triviathon on April 22nd where each of the classes will have a team of five people and compete. She stated that May 7th is the annual spirit up Somersworth cleanup day. She stated that April 17th there is a decathlon at Spaulding. She stated that the freshman class is having a car wash during April vacation and will continue to sell their after school snacks for a fundraiser. She stated that the sophomore class will be having two car washes in May and June to get funds for prom. She stated that they are also picking a prom theme and will be making presentations to the class. She stated that the Junior Class set a ticket price for Prom and the prom is on May 21st. She stated that the senior class is finalizing project graduation. She stated that track is up and running and had their first meet yesterday and did well. She stated that softball and baseball are away at Hillsboro tomorrow night and JV will have a home game. Nelson wished Sharon Lampros well as she moves into retirement.

5.4 2016-2017 Meal Prices: Nelson stated that we are selling lunch here at a lower cost than the federal government pays for a free lunch so we are on a plan to catch up and every year we go up ten cents for the paid lunch. She stated that we have very little choice on this. D'Agostino stated that for this current year we are getting back \$2.78 for all free lunches and we are charging less than that. She stated that the minimum we need to increase is ten cents to show good faith trying to meet the federal reimbursement rate. Leach asked if we are paying more if the food is better. D'Agostino stated that we have to offer certain food products for free and reduced and the intent is to serve the correct food groups. Robinson stated that the quality of the food isn't bad. The problem is that we subsidize that difference. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Anderson to approve the meal price increase as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

5.5 Update on RFP's Electrical/Asbestos: Supt. Mosca stated that in the packet we have the summary for the asbestos and floor replacement. Lucas stated that they went out to bid and had a mandatory walk through where five companies showed up and two submitted bids, Advance Building Systems and Dec Tam. She stated that for the floor replacement they received three bids and Dean's Carpet One Option Two is the one we want. Also included is RFP who will oversee it all for air quality and to make sure it is done properly.

Nelson stated that there is \$11,000 difference in the abatement work and asked if both companies have come recommended. Lucas stated that in the past Dec Tam has done both abatements and Sprague Flooring has done the flooring but there is a substantial different in price and all companies came recommended. Nelson stated that the warrant article is for \$70,000. Lucas stated that if you go with Advance Building Systems for the abatement and Dean's it is around \$60,000 but things always come up during things like this so you still are within the warrant article. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach to award the bid to Advance Building Systems for the abatement, Dean's Carpet One Option two for the flooring and RFP Environmental for the monitoring services as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Lucas stated that the electrical RFP is due back the week after vacation and they will bring them after the bids are opened. Supt. Mosca stated that as you know a lot of work needs to happen over the summer and Kate and I talked and all year they have gone an extra 15-20 minutes and only had one snow day and two delayed starts so they have met the required hours and they would like the last day of school to be June 14th instead of the 16th to allow for things to get packed up and moved to the gym. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Anderson to accept the last day of school as June 14th. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

- 5.6 **Select Board Chair-Discussion:** Suzanne Huard stated that the Town of Rollinsford is an EPA MS4 general permittee and the storm water that falls is regulated and we need to pay attention to this because it falls and drains into the salmon falls river. She stated that it is the board's responsibility to make residents aware of this. She stated that we are supposed to file a report every year but we are taking our responsibility more seriously. She stated that the major component is educating and public outreach. She stated that the trout release is something we can use and we are looking for items that the school might be doing to educate children in regards to storm water. She stated that the EPA has information online on educational activities. She stated that a couple of things came to mind such as when UNH put medallions on storm drains that said that it went all the way to great bay so that you are mindful of what you put into the drain. We could stencil drains in town. She stated that the school bears some responsibility because of the impervious roof and the parking lot the storm water has nowhere to go. She stated that a more involved project would be to do a rain garden which is like a pond with vegetation. She stated that there are engineers in town to help with the design and equipment to do the excavation and it could be a fun project. She stated that if it doesn't work on school grounds maybe at the community garden. She stated that she would like to have collaboration on how best to educate all of us and to keep the waterways healthy. Lucas stated that the students explored pollution and several kids did research on local solutions so there are a lot of possibilities. Huard stated that the second item is that the select board is thinking about sending out a newsletter and they have a volunteer willing to help and they are thinking about sending it out with the tax bills. She stated that they thought it might be fun if the grade school wanted to name the newsletter. She stated that this is another way to get connected. Lucas stated that our kids will grab on to that. Huard stated that the last thing is that at town meeting in a response to a resident she made a comment about not throwing a

pizza party and that they were trying to use the money responsibly. She stated that they received the following petition from some students and residents that said we the undersigned do want pizza parties that was meant to lighten the spirit and the board talked and they are willing to support a pizza party for the school as long as there is an educational component to have the board come and do a modified meeting in order to incorporate the message behind this. Lucas stated that is a great idea. She stated that we have been studying protest and politics and the kids have learned to start their own petitions and they would latch on to this. She stated that she will reach out to Suzanne.

5.7 Transportation-Safeway: Nelson stated that they are finishing up the first year of a five year contract so we are approving the second year. A motion made by Leach seconded by Anderson to approve the transportation contract as presented. Supt. Mosca stated that this will be the last year you will approve this because we are not really obligated to do this every year so the next time you will see this is when we go back out to bid. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. D'Agostino stated that they received a notice this week that Safeway has merged with National Express Corporation. She stated that they won't be changing their name and they are going to honor the contract that is currently in place.

6. Action Items:

6.1 Rollinsford School Board Schedule 2016-2017: Nelson stated that she asked about November and March because they are on the third Thursday and not the second. She stated that November is because the third Thursday is right before a national holiday. She stated that the March meeting is due to the fact that if it is the third Thursday it will fall between the election and town meeting and that is in limbo land because there are two seats up but if we have it on the second Thursday it will be this board and if the two seats get replaced they will sit in April as a new board so it would be my thought to just leave it as the second Thursday. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Anderson to approve the Rollinsford School Board Schedule as amended. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Nelson stated that they need to come up with a date for the next Marshwood joint meeting. She stated that she would suggest June 8th, 15th or 22nd. June 8th was decided as a tentative date to meet. She stated that they will cut the meetings down to two meetings per year one in October and one in June. She stated that she will send an email to them.

7. Financial Update:

7.1 Budget: nelson stated that they have saved money on oil and thanked Dick for that work. She stated that last month they had an anticipated balance of \$9,000 and today due to some savings they have about \$30,000 of an anticipated balance. She stated that things can change. D'Agostino stated that we had two additional students who are attending Marshwood from March 1st to April 1st which is reflected in the budget. She stated that they are not included in next year's budget. Nelson stated that is at least six students we didn't know about when we created the budget. Robinson stated that he would like to know the total number added and how many were added after. D'Agostino stated that she will go back and look. Nelson stated that there have been 14 since September but we did know about some. D'Agostino stated that we adjusted the budget for nine. Nelson stated that RGS has gone up and down but as of April 1st we have exactly the same as we did in September it is just spread over different grades.

D'Agostino stated that we received an invoice for the electronic balloting from the town of Rollinsford that highlighted the school portion of the ballot. She stated that we were not aware of this and it is approximately \$900 that we didn't budget for next year. Nelson thanked her for bringing that up. Anderson asked how it was previously done. D'Agostino stated that we used regular paper from the SAU.

8. New Business:

9. Old Business:

9.1 Community Connections: Anderson stated that they have begun the survey questions and they took some from the previous survey and they are going to meet with Kate to get their input. Leach stated that her goal is to separate out the responses from the Marshwood survey between the middle and high school. She stated that it can give us a better idea of the kids coming from RGS. She stated that out of the 24 students there were 10 on honors or high honors in the 7th grade which is a decent ratio and that made me feel good about the level of preparation for our students. Nelson asked if they had a target date to get the survey out. Leach stated not yet. Lucas stated that she can email them their thoughts or they can meet after vacation.

9.2 Transportation: Nelson stated that last week they had 30 students take the last bus for the week. Leach stated that a lot of the middle school kids have joined track so that may have something to do with it. Supt. Mosca stated that she has asked first student to come to the June meeting.

10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- **May 4 2016- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**
- **May 9 2016- SAU 56 Board Meeting**
- **May 12 2016- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
- **May 18 2016- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**

11. School Events:

12. Closing Comments:

12.1 Visitors: Fortier asked if the electrical RFP can be approved right away due to the scheduling. Supt. Mosca stated that Marie needs time to compile and review once the bids are received. Nelson stated that they will do the best they can. Celia Leopold stated that there are several families that send their kids to private school and asked if there is any tracking to that. Nelson stated that we track Rollinsford students in this school, in Marshwood and Somersworth. She stated that they don't track private school. Supt. Mosca stated that they do track home schooled students. It is a loose tracking because they only have to notify us once.

12.2 Board Members:

13 Non-Public: A motion made by Robinson 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 7:55pm. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out

of nonpublic at 9:30pm. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach to accept the resignation of Bryant Lausberg. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

14 Adjournment: A motion made by Anderson seconded by Robinson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval