

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: Nelson, Anderson, Leach, Kunz and Robinson.
2. **Comments by Visitors:** None
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 Robinson to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:
 - April 14 2016- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board
 - Rollinsford Grade School Newsletter
 - Enrollment-May
4. **Announcements:** Nelson stated that Jeni is not with us as she is not feeling well and we hope to have her back shortly. She stated that the school and garden club were involved in two big events, the cross street cleanup was absolutely fantastic and it has never looked more beautiful and the duck race where 500 rubber ducks were released and it was an amazing sight to see so thank you to the school for that. She stated that the budget committee met and Al Dionne resigned and Kim St. Hilaire has been asked to on the committee and she is not sure if she has accepted yet. She stated that she and Andrea attended the NHSBA new member workshop and Jeni was a presenter at a member session. She stated that she always takes something away from these meetings and it makes me understand that we are not an unusual town and we are not as dysfunctional as other towns out there. Anderson stated that she walked away feeling great about the SAU staff and this board and our community. She stated that she feels we work with a great group of people and she feels very involved. Nelson stated that she talked with Kerry Tice the chair of the Marshwood board and we will be meeting on June 8th at 6:30 at Marshwood High School and they agreed that two meetings a year are sufficient. She stated that last week was teacher/staff appreciation week and she would like to thank Emily and Andrea for doing the board's part and she hopes the staff had a good week and we can't appreciate you enough.
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - 5.1 **Principal Update:** Lucas stated that last week was teacher appreciation and the PTO, central office and board did an exceptional job with treats, decorating doors, food and special messages and there were very thoughtful things done. She stated that they had an in house showcase and next week it will be open to the public and flyers went out to every resident. She stated that today they had a guest at the school fairtest.org who came to look at ways to assess students that is not standardized. Nelson asked where they are located. Lucas stated that they are all across the country but they have a satellite in Boston. She stated that they have a lot of resources on their website. She stated that she met with Suzanne to talk about collaborating and some of the ideas are too lofty for the end of school but they

did have the students brainstorm ideas for the title of the newsletter so they are excited to build collaboration. She stated that today was Dare graduation and the kids were adorable and they wrote great essays and it was a great experience. She stated that the 5/6 team met with the 7th grade at Marshwood middle school and the principal and they created a cheat sheet and the teachers will spend time with the 6th graders going through the minutia stuff on what will happen so kids are aware of the terminology for it to make the transition smoother. She stated that they were informed today that they received a Title I Reallocation grant for a total sum of \$23,000. She stated that \$15,000 will be to support staff for summer work to learn together plus days through the year and the other \$8,000 will be for maker space materials. Nelson stated that with the budget being frozen that is excellent. Lucas stated that it is great for the staff. She stated that they are working hard on a cool schedule for next year where they are looking at related arts as electives so that there is choice on what you want to do. Nancy Cook and Amanda Russell have been super flexible and everyone is really excited.

- 5.2 **Marshwood Student Representative-Tyler Schontag:** Tyler Schontag stated that senioritis has kicked in and everyone knows where they are going to college. He stated that girl's lacrosse are undefeated, boys track had a meet at Bonney Eagle and they got second and boy's lacrosse is not doing too hot. He stated that AP exams were last week and this week. He stated that senior finals are in two weeks and graduation is on June 3rd. He stated that he will be going to UVM next year. Nelson stated that she appreciates you serving with us this year and she thanked him and wished him well.
- 5.3 **Rollinsford Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines:** Bailey Haines stated that the student council end of the year trip is on May 23rd at the polar caves where they will celebrate their accomplishments. She stated that the 27th is unified sports day at Dover High School where student council members partner with students from Partnership and have a buddy system for field day. She stated that National Honor Society is having a blood drive tomorrow for the American Heart Association. She stated that they are sending care packages to community members in need due to illnesses. She stated that the freshman class is planning a car wash for over the summer, the sophomore class picked their prom theme for next year. It will be on May 6th at Spring Hill and the theme is Great Gatsby. They are also having a car wash at key Auto on Saturday. The junior class is preparing for prom on May 21st and the senior class is planning project graduation. She stated that the state track meet is on May 27th, softball and baseball are doing well and they have a home game tomorrow at 4 against Bow high school. She stated that class elections were today and they have officers locked in for next year.
- 5.4 **Cameras:** nelson stated that should we qualify for the grant we need to throw in \$5,000 matching funds. She stated that they asked Kate to check into whether or not we can do a smaller match. Lucas stated that she spoke with Pro Technologies and homeland security and they looked at doing four cameras instead of eight and updating the software in the office and the new quote is \$6,052 and she resubmitted it with that information and if we choose that option the cost to Rollinsford is \$453. Nelson stated that we had quite the discussion last time and that should continue. Lucas stated that if we went with the original

plan we would need to come up with \$5,000 but if we go with the resubmitted grant it would be \$453 but it is a different number of cameras and there would be no interior cameras only exterior. Anderson stated that if we choose later to add more cameras there is not ability for a matching grant. Lucas stated not for this round. Nelson stated that the cameras are on all the time and the monitor is in Kate's office and it takes away a certain amount of privacy and there are pros and cons on outside versus outside and inside but we need to reach a decision this evening. Anderson stated that it also boils down to how much we want to spend. Nelson stated that there is an option for inside and outside, an option for just outside and an option for nothing. Kunz asked how many cameras. Nelson stated a total of 8, 4 or nothing. Kunz asked who the placement will be done by. Lucas stated Pro Technologies. Kunz stated that he can see the concern with privacy but these companies can advise us on the best place to put them to keep those concerns in mind. Nelson asked if he was in favor of doing all 8. Kunz stated that we had the discussion in the past about safety and this seems like a reasonable figure and he is in favor of it. Anderson stated that her concern is if the budget is frozen what does that mean. She stated that if we do the outdoor cameras for the \$453 and then add more at a later date. She stated that we had a discussion on privacy concerns and there were good points made but at the end of the day as the kids get to middle and high school there are cameras there. She stated that she can be swayed either way. Nelson stated that we did the application before we froze the budget. Kunz stated that we should be concerned about privacy but not just for when school is in session if someone slips and sues the school we would have it on camera if it happened or not. Leach stated that she is 100% for outdoor cameras and 100% against indoor cameras for privacy and information access reasons and for philosophical reasons on how people's behavior changes when they think others are watching them. She stated that we live in a society where there are cameras but this place doesn't have to be that place if we don't want it to. She stated that we are inventing a solution to a problem that we don't have and there are negative aspects of this that could outweigh the potential for positive. She stated that she doesn't see a need for cameras inside the building. Robinson stated that he agrees with Tom it makes sense now, we have the grant and it is an investment in the building and we are saving \$4500 and that is a lot of money and to move forward tonight makes sense. He stated that we can make policies on information and security around it. He stated that we had an event at the school that wasn't good and we saw the reaction to security after the fact and we need to put preventative measures in place so we don't have the after effect. He stated that he is for investing \$4500 and for the cameras inside and outside. Nelson stated that it is deplorable that we live in a society that everyone is open to such scrutiny. She stated that if this was a decision for myself she would not have them inside but I am not I am making a decision for the community and that places me in a philosophical place and we know some community members want them. She stated that she has no problem with outside cameras whatsoever. Anderson stated that the main goal of cameras is for safety and security. Nelson stated that the school was broken into last year and the police said too bad you didn't have cameras. Anderson asked how the staff feels. Lucas stated that they haven't spoken as a staff and she doesn't feel comfortable

speaking for them. Leach asked how it affects the permission slips that parents sign. Nelson state that they won't be publicly viewed. Leach stated that not until something happens. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Kunz to move forward with the original assessment of eight cameras with a total of \$5,000. Anderson stated that can we add that we move forward and decide on procedures on how the inside cameras will be used. Kunz stated that we could modify the motion to reflect okaying the purchase and at a later date determine placing of the cameras and rules on how to set them up and be used. He stated that we need to act quickly but it should be a thought out on how this works. He stated that we should at least get the funds in there and make sure as a board that we set up specific rules and a procedure on the set up of cameras. Robinson stated that he doesn't want to amend the motion because he doesn't want to tie the financial decision to policy development but could do a second motion. Lucas stated that in signing for the grant you are signing their agreement and you can't change where they go. She stated that we have to keep them informed because they are a partner in this. She stated that we have an obligation once we sign on. Leach stated that policies don't change anything for me the children may or may not be filmed in the hallways and they won't know when they are on or off. VOTE: motion failed, Robinson and Kunz in favor and Anderson, Leach and Nelson opposed. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach on behalf of SAU 56/Rollinsford School District School Board accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$6,085.00 for the purchase of security cameras. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$12,170, in which the SAU will be responsible for a 50% match (Combination of \$5617 in-kind and \$468 cash match). VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Robinson stated that putting security aside it is a mistake to defer costs to the future and it is a mistake for the school board and a mistake the board continuously makes. Robinson stated that for the public who read the minutes the discussion we had was in nonpublic for the cameras and we had a very light conversation tonight but there was a lot more thought put into it.

- 5.5 **Historical Assessment Grant:** Nelson stated that a matching grant has been written and ready to be sent in and the match is between \$2,000-3,000 and this would pay for an assessment of the cupola, windows and door surrounds. Robinson stated that is this an assessment to tell us we need to fix the cupola. Robinson stated no to tell us the cost of fixing it. Robinson stated that for that kind of money we could have these things fixed. Nelson stated that this is the first step in the next set of grants to qualify for Lchip money to help pay for repairs. She stated that as she read the material it is an eight week time frame before we heard and that puts us right at the end of the year. D'Agostino stated that we can't use this year's money if it is not approved until July. Based on when the grant is approved is when you can spend the money. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Kunz to move forward with the historical assessment grant and spend out of this year if possible. Robinson stated that we can't continue to defer, we are investing now to save in the future and it make sense. Kunz stated that he agrees with Alan, historically they have done a disservice to the building by putting things off and we need to do it. Anderson stated that this is different than the cameras altogether. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

5.6 **SAU Meeting:** Nelson stated that the SAU meeting was rescheduled for the 16th and four of us are unable to attend. Leach stated that she is pretty sure she can go. Nelson stated that Tom will accept the nomination for chair so please throw his name in.

6. Action Items.

7. Financial Update:

7.1 Budget: Nelson stated that she saw the town clerk over the weekend and she said anecdotally that there are more kids moving in and the makeup is changing rapidly and she expects the school population to grow. Kunz stated that he spoke to someone tonight who used to live here and is moving back. D'Agostino stated that the enrollment went up again from April to May and you will see another increase from May to June. Nelson stated with students going to Marshwood. D'Agostino stated there are two more that they are looking for proof of residency for. Nelson stated that they will be prorated for this year. D'Agostino stated that they are prorated from the day they moved. Nelson stated that they are not in next year's budget. D'Agostino stated that she created a worksheet on enrollment from October to May and although there have been fluctuations at RGS they started at 157 and in May had 157. She stated that for Marshwood for both middle and high in October we had 95 students and as of May we are up to 110 so we are up 15 students which is not including the two new ones so we are now up to 17. She stated that we are off by 10 in next year's budget. She stated that Somersworth started at 38.5 in October and in May are at 36.5 so we are down two students. She stated that she will continue to do this spreadsheet as we move forward. She stated that the budget is included in the packet. Anything in yellow she has encumbered and added manually because we know that we anticipate spending it but we haven't yet. Robinson stated that we have a \$16,000 buffer and it is okay for us to spend the budget but he is glad that they had built in money. D'Agostino stated that we don't build anything into the budget. Robinson stated that we had savings in the budget but next year we will have to work hard to have the savings to fund the extra students. Nelson stated that we may need to look at freezing the budget as we open for next year. D'Agostino stated that the electrical RFP came back and they only got one response. Lucas stated that they sent to six companies and they only had one response. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Robinson to accept the bid from Sine Wave Services (dba Mr. Electric) for \$125,000 for the electrical RFP as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Nelson stated that we need to consider exploring if we want to save money on transportation costs as we are charged every day for the late bus and the last few weeks have been pretty good but we need to think about that.

8. New Business:

9. Old Business:

9.1 Community Connections: Leach stated that they sent the board the survey before this meeting. They met with Kate to talk about the survey they had started and they wrapped the questions together and put together something that were happy with. She stated that we will do the survey thing again because we have email addresses for parents. Nelson stated that we won't approve this until June and asked if they wanted to do it over the summer. Kunz stated that a couple of months after school starts might be a good time because we will have new folks in the system and it will give them an opportunity to get their feet wet and see what is working and what

doesn't. Anderson stated that we got the other one out in February and we could do them at two different times. Leach stated that she wants people to have time so we can send it out at the beginning of November or in the spring. She stated that for Marshwood we know earlier in the year we have more transition stuff and she wants in fresh in people's minds in the fall. Anderson asked if they can vote by email. Nelson stated that no vote will be taken by email we do all business in public. Robinson stated that we can wait until next year.

9.2 Transportation: Nelson stated that First Student will be here at the June meeting.

10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- **May 18 2016- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**
- **May 25 2016- District Budget Meeting-MHS Auditorium**
- **June 1 2016- MHS Top Ten/Retirees Honored**
- **June 9 2016- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
- **June 14 2016- District Budget Referendum-Towns of Eliot and South Berwick**

Nelson stated that there was an article in the paper and one sentence that said that the tuition from Rollinsford students yielded Marshwood \$375,000 this year. She stated that she doesn't know what yielded meant but we spend more than a million dollars in tuition. She stated that she might bring it up at our joint meeting. Robinson stated that he is under the impression that it is profit. He stated that it is okay for them to profit but hopefully they reinvested it into the school. Nelson stated that there will be a large group that will say that is what it costs to send our kids there.

11. School Events:

- **May 12 2016- Spring Recital**
- **May 12 2016- Dare Graduation**
- **May 12 2016- Kindergarten Open House**
- **May 19 2016- Student Showcase**
- **May 27 2016- 6th Grade Step up Day Marshwood Middle School**
- **May 30 2016- Memorial Day-No School**
- **June 13 2016- 6th Grade Recognition**
- **June 16 2016- Somersworth High School Graduation**

12. Closing Comments:

12.1 Visitors: Tracey Laurion stated that she is wondering if installation and maintenance is included in the grant money for the cameras. Nelson stated that the installation is included, she is not sure about maintenance. Robinson stated that if we break it we are on the hook for it. Celia Leopold asked if the SAU board worked for this area. Nelson stated that we are a separate school district and we join the larger SAU board with Somersworth to deal with our only employee the Superintendent and there needs to be an SAU board to deal with that. Anderson stated that a lot of groups at the session talked about different combinations. Celia Leopold stated that there is controversy in Vermont that they are asking individual schools in the SAU by next year to become a single board. Nelson stated that we are very fortunate with our SAU staff and Superintendent. Celia Leopold stated that if the student enrollment continues to increase do you have a plan to set up for the budget or are you going to have to go back to the town. Nelson stated that they will be looking at

the budget from day one and right now we are just watching it closely it is too early to ask about options but if we run out of money we may have to go back to the town because we can't go in the negative. Unlike the town who has reserves, we do not. Nancy Dionne stated that she did pass the budget information on to the budget committee.

12.2 Board Members: Robinson stated that regarding the comment made by the town clerk noticing the influx of students continuously rising at the secondary level, let's keep it up, it goes to show the decision the school board is making are positive and we are becoming a sought after community. Although it makes it difficult for the budget he sees the property values rising.

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 8:30pm. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 9:00pm.

14 Adjournment: A motion made by Anderson seconded by Robinson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval