

1. **Call to Order-Roll Call- Pledge of Allegiance:** Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and upon call of the roll the following board members were present: Nelson, Anderson, Leach and Kunz. Absent: Robinson.
2. **Budget:** Nelson stated that we are here to talk about the budget and at first look it is good news, we have an available balance of around \$250,000, the bad news is that we froze the budget and been working under the assumption that we have very little money. She stated that she met with Marie and we know that she is cautious but to have \$250,000 is not acceptable after the last meeting in June. She stated that Marie had encumbered money for special education and when circumstances changed she left it encumbered instead of releasing the money. She stated that we can't go back but will move forward. She stated that we all received the list from Kate and our job tonight is to say yes to spend the money and then after that we will have \$25,000 go into the special education fund, \$25,000 into the building fund and then a percentage will go into the reserve fund. Kunz asked what the fail safe to make sure that this doesn't happen again. Supt. Mosca stated that she will watch the encumbrance, when she looked at the budget she always focused on the available balance side and moving forward she will focus on what is actual versus projected and estimates and that will be the direction. She stated that the list they received were some estimates so she would ask that they give a not to exceed number so we are safe. She stated that we held on to most of these items this year hoping we could do them. Nelson stated that budgeting is not an exact science even with a house budget you want to encumber the entire amount but if it changes you want to encumber it. Leach stated that if you have a car payment and then you pay it off you don't continue to carry the payment. Nelson stated that you don't not buy the kids shoes because you are holding to that money. Supt. Mosca stated that it will now show as an available balance and it will give us a better idea of where we stand and then we can ask the questions. Nelson stated that the other down side is that Alan has been working for two years with the budget committee telling them we are going to know and there is a way that this will be explained and it is much better than being in the hole. Leach stated that there is no way that we can put the money in a reserve for potential excess Marshwood payments next year. Supt. Mosca stated no it has to be expended this year. Nelson stated that it can't even be anything such as textbooks it has to be building related. A motion made by leach seconded by Kunz to appropriate up to \$90,000 on the items that were presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
3. **Other:** Nelson stated that she wanted to let everyone know that Carlton Spencer passed away yesterday. She stated that she also wanted to let people know that graduation was exceptional. She stated that the salutatorian was a Rollinsford student and she stood up and welcomed everyone and then she broke down into tears and said that she didn't think that she would be here graduating with the people that she had been going to school with and she thanked the Rollinsford and Somersworth boards to allow them to remain at Somersworth with their peers and it was very nice.

4. **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 5:45pm. A motion made by Leach seconded by Kunz to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 6:15pm.
5. **Adjournment:** A motion made by Leach seconded by Kunz to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval