

1. **Call to Order-Roll Call- Pledge of Allegiance:** Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and upon call of the roll the following board members were present: Nelson, Anderson, Leach, Kunz and Robinson. Nelson stated that we will be having a discussion on the activity bus and she knows that people are here and if you want to be a part of that discussion please hold your remarks until the discussion. She stated that we received a number of emails and we have read them so there is no need to repeat them.
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 Robinson seconded by Kunz to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:
 - September 8 2016- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board
 - Enrollment-October
 - Late Activities Bus- (2) emails from Michelle Devaney
 - MMS late bus email from Kim and Colby Walker
 - School Bus Concerns email from June Gallup
 - Late Bus Concerns emails from Scott and Ellen Arrigoni
 - Late Bus email from Reegan Spinney
4. **Announcements:** Supt. Mosca stated that if the board is interested there is a SPED law workshop being put on by NHSBA on November 9th from 6:30-8:30 if anyone is interested. Nelson stated that there are new policies that we will be discussing at the SAU level and enclosed is a whole book on SPED law and what it covers, it is very helpful and she will bring a copy in. Supt. Mosca stated that it is the policies and procedures that we have to give to parents when they come in for a meeting. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Kunz to move item 5.7 to the top of the agenda. By consensus the motion passed.
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - 5.1 **Principal Update:** Nelson stated that the report and newsletter is in the packet. She stated that the information that Kate sent regarding fairtest.org is really amazing and it was fantastic work so please read if you have a chance. She asked what the zones of regulation is. Lucas stated that it is a practice we are implementing around being aware of how you are feeling and how it impacts your success and figuring out how to ride in the middle and be successful for learning and regulating your emotions so you are ready to learn. Nelson asked about the turnout on the 4-6 parent night. Lucas stated that it went really well and they had them rotating through the three rooms and then came together for a discussion and debriefing. She stated that she received great follow up emails from parents. Nelson stated that she noticed the scaffolding and that we lost a backboard in the gym. Lucas stated that we have a new one coming and parts to fortify the other one. She stated that it happened last Tuesday and half of the gym will remain off limits until the other one is fixed.

- 5.2 **Marshwood Student Representative-Noah Niedzolkowski:** Niedzolkowski stated that last week was spirit week and each class competed in activities and the winners were the sophomore class of 2019. He stated that on Thursday the 6th Marshwood hosted two dozen students from Denmark and they expressed their gratitude and appreciated the New England hospitality. He stated that the 7th was the homecoming football game and also the 50th anniversary of Marshwood football. He stated that Wednesday the 19th the junior class will be taking PSAT's. He stated that on the 26th they will be hosting the Maine Supreme Court.
- 5.3 **Rollinsford Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines:** Haines stated that they also had spirit week the week of the 19th-23rd which ended with a spirit rally where each class competes. She stated that the student council did a teacher breakfast on October 6th to thank them. She stated that they will be doing a school newspaper that they will be posting in the bathroom. She stated that national honor society are collecting donations for the leukemia walk to support people with leukemia. She stated that they also hosted a teacher lunch on October 10th. She stated that they will have the induction for new members on Wednesday October 19th at 6pm. She stated that the interact club is doing fundraising for the Ms. Amazing pageant for disabled girls and they will be helping with the event in May. She stated that the freshman class is doing fundraising, the sophomore class is doing their after school snack fundraiser, the junior class is doing a UNH football fundraiser and is selling their mixed bag fundraiser and selling candles and the senior class is looking for a senior banquet location. She stated that football is winding down, Girls soccer had senior night on Tuesday and boys' soccer and volleyball is tomorrow night. She stated that field hockey ended their season last night. The junior class will be taking PSAT's on the 19th as well.
- 5.4 **SPED Spreadsheet Marshwood:** Nelson stated that the spreadsheet is included in your packet if anyone has any questions. Supt. Mosca stated that there is one less student this month. Robinson stated that he appreciates that we continue to receive this as it was what he was looking for.
- 5.5 **Primex Workers Compensation Program:** Nelson stated that in the packet is a letter from Primex and they offered to put us into a cost assurance program. This is our first year with them. D'Agostino stated that they looked at your past history with the previous company. Nelson stated that this needed to be returned two weeks ago so we will suspend rules to take action tonight. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Kunz to suspend rules. VOTE: motion passed unanimously. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Kunz to accept the proposal from Primex. Robinson stated that there is not a lot of choice in this department either so the ability to cap it is ideal. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
- 5.6 **Budget Committee Presentation Date:** Supt. Mosca stated that she put this on because there was a conflict on the 21st so they would like to go on the 14th. Robinson stated that we are meeting in two weeks and he is going to ask Judy to sit in for him and she can ask them. Nelson stated that she will let people know following that meeting. Robinson stated that the next meeting is on the 26th and they will go over the end of the year financials and he will write an analysis and send it by email.

5.7 Activity Bus Review: Anderson stated that this was a very tough decision, we talked all last year and continuously looking at the numbers and we were only averaging 3-4 a day. She stated that with the cost of keeping the bus and looking at the numbers, after a year we felt we needed to come up with a better solution and Marshwood offered their bus and we felt like it was the right thing to do. She stated that they received five parent letters. She stated that from her experience when a student enters high school they couldn't count on the late bus because you never know from day to day when the practice ends. She stated that folks could facilitate a car pooling and they could maybe help with that and explore other options like if parents contribute to it, if that is an option or just go back to doing the late bus.

Nelson stated that she would like to give some facts on how it has been used. She stated that the annual cost of the activity bus is \$8,000 and in tax bill terms for a \$200,000 tax bill that is a \$6.60 increase. She stated that daily it costs \$54 for one bus. She stated that last year the average daily ridership never exceed 10. She stated that this year the September average ridership was around 12. She stated that it costs about \$5 per rider per day.

D'Agostino stated that the \$8,000 is for this year only. Nelson stated that the bus company heavily subsidized the bus, the actual cost per day is \$140. Anderson stated that so next year it will be double. D'Agostino stated that it will be \$22,000 next year. She stated that it would have been \$140 per day this year but they subsidized it and they haven't indicated that they will next year. Colby Walker stated that his daughter takes the late bus, if you budgeted for it why are you cutting it now. He stated that you cut it two weeks into the year and it doesn't make sense to cut it now. He stated that if the bus company is subsidizing the cost why not take advantage of it. Nelson stated that it is not budgeted, it is over and above the budget. She stated that we incorporated it last year after we set this year's budget. Colby Walker stated why not put it in. Nelson stated that this year would be the first time to put it in for next year. Z stated that a lot of people don't know about the late bus. She stated that they are trying to learn how the school works and it has been a struggle for us. She stated that they live on the other side of Rollinsford and for us working people to get the students out of school it takes an hour to get back and forth to the school. She stated that her children have three hours out of their day to travel by bus. She stated that staying after school helps them to do their homework to excel in school. She stated that their kids should get the same benefits as other children. Kim Walker stated that she has concerns about the late bus and the comments that were made in the meeting minutes of the last meeting. She stated that Robinson stated that he was not interested in figuring out ridership this year and it is an extra service. She stated that is a slap in the face when a lot of people rely on this bus. She stated that her daughter could not play soccer if they didn't have the after school bus. She stated that we have crazy jobs and work long hours and if the bus drops off at central school and has to walk to the library in the winter it gets dark at 4 and she doesn't think that it is safe to get dropped off at central school and walk to the library in this day and age. She stated that she has to walk 2.7 miles to her home without sidewalks. She stated that the kids who live on Kelwyn drive not only are walking through Rollinsford but part of Somersworth too. She stated that what happens when the Marshwood bus becomes overloaded and kids are getting turned away, which has already

happened marshwood parents will be upset because we are freeloading off them, it is not fair to our kids. She stated that her daughter didn't want to sign up for things because this was going away. She stated that it is not another parent's job to get my kid home safely. Tracey Laurion stated that she wanted to remind the board that the numbers they have are from the first year and we still have 20 kids in Somersworth and a lot of parents didn't know there was a late bus. She stated that a lot got excited this year and then found out that it was going away. She stated that last year was the first year for everything and parents that is not a good indication of what will be happening for the next 3-5 years when Rollinsford gets more involved in Marshwood. She stated that especially now hearing that the \$8,000 is subsidized, we are not going to get that option if you are cutting it already. She stated that you didn't get a good grasp last year of what will happen. Reegan Spinney stated that what she is concerned about is that if we have chosen to send our kids to Marshwood shouldn't we offer the same opportunities as Marshwood students. If they have a late bus our students should have the same opportunity, it is not fair to our kids. Anderson stated that she agrees with that and we talked about how Marshwood delivers their students, it is not door to door like we did. Supt. Mosca stated that the late bus does various stops. Anderson stated that anything they offer we should try to do. Reegan Spinney stated that her son tried the Marshwood bus and he felt uncomfortable because Marshwood students were being turned away and there were three to a seat and when they turned students away he was afraid they would be upset. Anderson stated that do you know how many Rollinsford students were on that bus. Reegan Spinney stated no. Anderson stated that they may be having a problem on their buses without us. Leach stated that our solution that we had may not be viable. Nelson stated that she sympathizes but she did vote to discontinue it for a couple of reasons. She stated first as a board member her first consideration is to ensure that RGS continues in Rollinsford and any budgetary considerations she has to weigh against how they affect RGS. She stated that last year we froze the budget and the outcome of that was that the only place that was affected was RGS. She stated that we can't choose not to pay Marshwood or Somersworth or the transportation bill and she doesn't want the administration of this school to limit the purchasing of construction paper or toilet paper and this was not in the budget for this year so that is the first reason to discontinue. She stated that as a board member she does the best she can to make sure that all students receive a quality education and for the Rollinsford tax payers that we spend the money as wisely as possible and what I am willing to ask my neighbors to pay for. She stated that for 10 riders that is \$5.40 a rider and would I be willing to ask my neighbor to pay \$5.40 so my child could ride the bus, also we had a solution we thought would work. She stated that they will be thinking of putting it in next year's budget and there may be other ways to make it work. Tracey Laurion asked if it is not an option to put it back in this year. Nelson stated that it is an option, it is an ongoing conversation. Tracey Laurion stated that the longer it takes to make a decision the parents have to make other arrangements or the kids won't be joining groups. She stated that it is not just sports it is clubs and homework lab, it is the education of Rollinsford students. She stated that she has a senior and he has the choice of colleges because of all the things he is involved in and we need to think about that.

Nelson stated that we have to think about all 318 students that we have. Lori Hess stated including kids in Marshwood. She stated that she gets the message that once they get to Marshwood you don't care. Nelson stated that it is our job to make sure we are meeting all 318 student's needs. Kim Walker stated with that being said, you are not taking care of all 318 because you are not helping the kids that are going to Marshwood. She stated that it was the town's decision to move and part of that decision was because it was cheaper. Nelson stated that some people thought it would be cheaper but many of us voted for moving because it was a better education. Kim walker asked if Somersworth students have a late bus. Supt. Mosca stated that they do and Somersworth pays. Reegan Spinney stated that including this year there are two more years with kids at Somersworth and asked if they provide a bus for them. Nelson stated yes but we do not pay for them, because first student does Rollinsford Grade School they throw in the Somersworth run for free. Reegan Spinney stated that she hopes that they reinstate this for this year at the \$8,000 and do PR around town and ask if it is helping and this is the cost and ask how much do families want this in order to get more ridership. Z stated that the late bus is \$8,000 for this year and it is not like that next year and the decision was based on inaccurate numbers of how many were riding the bus but how many were aware of the late bus, I wasn't aware until late. Nelson stated that we have accurate ridership for last year. Z stated that she was not aware last year on how things were working for the middle school and high school and it does make a big difference in their education on their homework being done. She stated that accuracy of getting \$5.00 from your neighbor is not accurate if you spread it out over how many kids could ride the bus. Tracey Laurion stated that the first two weeks showed 12 a day versus under 10 and you had another grade come over to Marshwood. Colby Walker stated that it will increase as you go on. Robinson stated that there is a lot of information that they are just receiving tonight. He stated that they were not aware of them turning anyone away that is unacceptable for our students and Marshwood students. He stated that he was quoted as not wanting to track ridership for this year was because we tracked it last year every month and we were always saying when this starts up the ridership will increase or when that starts it will increase. He stated that he is not interested in hearing another club is starting up because last year we saw a fairly consistent ridership and that is why then went down that path. He stated that he didn't want to continue to discuss it as they carried the discussion all last year. He stated that last year they stopped buying paper for the 164 students that go to this school and no supplies but they had 10 students using \$8,000 a year and that is a hard decision so when they were offered the Marshwood solution that is why they were on board. He stated that next year we are looking at a decrease of \$15,000 in the budget and if we add \$22,000 for the bus it turns into an increase. He stated that if you look at history on how the budget is passed, last year it passed because we saw a decrease and that was due to a reorganization of education at RGS and that was a hard decision to make. He stated that 4, 5 and 6 all share a class as part of the co-teaching model to provide education to 318 students across the district and that is a difficult decision to be made. He stated that \$8,000 might seem worth it but when it comes to town meeting time and half of the room wants to slash the budget. He stated that the budget committee tried to take

\$600,000 out of the budget last year that would shut this school down. He stated that we had to think about what we are paying and this board took a hard look at all expenditures that Rollinsford has including Marshwood, Somersworth and RGS. He stated that when you talk about the hardship I get it, it was a difficult decision to be made. He stated that he would like to see something like where he grew up in Portsmouth where they had a punch card to pay for the bus and have families pay. He stated that we have a lot of issues with transportation in Rollinsford and the bus company has been very generous to us with transportation to Somersworth and when we looked at their proposals they included no price difference. He stated that the subsidy on the late bus is nice to have but we won't see it forever. He stated that he apologizes to the people who didn't know about it, all students should have been notified. He stated that he is the representative to the budget committee and they look at every line and they go through and say they will remove \$8,000, they can't say where we take it from but that is the type of budget committee this town has. He stated that we will continue the discussion and look at a subsidy from the community to pay for it. Kunz thanked everyone for coming. He stated that he voted against continuing the bus. He stated that his son takes it and was using it. He stated that part of it was the ridership, it was ridiculously low and I was one of the ones who said it would go up. He stated that he didn't know the situation with Marshwood with kids being refused if he had known it might have been a difficult decision. He stated that he is not against bringing it back. He stated that the budget committee sometimes runs us over like a freight train when we bring the budget to them and it gets unpleasant when we have a meeting here listening to people scream at you to not pay any additional taxes. He stated that some people don't have kids in the school and I get that but we have a school here and we have to provide services to them. He stated that they weren't trying to get rid of the late bus, marshwood offered us free transportation so we were replacing the late bus with something else. He stated that whatever happens he hopes that all seats are filled when we come to the town to support what we are trying to do here. He stated that we have done a good job of running lean and showing reductions. He stated that people wanted to shut this building down and the only way to keep it here is to keep the budget reasonable and he hopes they will support us when they are trying to get the budget through. Nelson stated that a suggestion was made to pay an amount per ride. Kunz stated that before we can go there we need to know if the subsidy will continue. Supt. Mosca stated that she can ask them. She stated that it started to help us out transition wise and they were in the middle of negotiating with us and it was a nice gesture. Nelson stated that they were trying to work with us. She stated that you can ask them if they will extend the subsidy and the length they would extend it. Z asked who negotiates the contracts. Robinson stated that we put out a proposal and accept bids. He stated that they received two bids for transportation one for regular education and one for special education so the negotiation factor is small. Z stated that we don't have a lot of choice and asked who engineers the schedule. Nelson stated they do. Z stated that there are four buses and as you go through the schedule one delivers in 20 minutes, one in thirty minutes and the last one is an hour and a half. Nelson stated that is something to discuss with the bus company. Z stated that you don't have a

say. Robinson stated that do we have a bus that takes an hour and a half. Anderson stated is that posted time. Robinson stated that he wants everyone to know that we significantly increased buses this year. He stated that last year we used the same buses for all transportation and this year we were able to budget to cover two additional buses, three for RGS and two for marshwood. He stated that the budget committee tried to cut but the town is able to come to the meeting and add to the budget so if you want another bus you can add the \$22,000. Supt. Mosca stated that is just for the late bus it is \$65,000 for a regular bus. Z stated that you asked about the schedule, it doesn't make sense to me. How one bus can be 25 minutes on the route and RF4 is on the route for an hour and a half. Kim Walker stated that she likes the idea of the punch card, if she has to make a compromise to help and it would get my child home safely she will give her \$5.00 or whatever it may be. Kunz stated that he appreciates everyone coming and he believes that they may have been misled or misinformed and we voted to shut it down based on the idea that marshwood could get our kids to central school and they thought that was a good idea. He stated that Kim talked about kids walking in winter with no lights on the street and that is a hazard and the overcrowding on the bus we didn't have any idea. Reegan Spinney stated that she is willing to do a punch card and she wished that was explored more. She stated that she is disappointed that it was based on the numbers in the first year and to say you're not interested in looking at it any further, she is disappointed by that. She stated that it is implied that it is only for sports but when my son goes it is for math help and marshwood kids get that and my kid is refusing to stay now. She stated that it is not just sports it is also about academics and it is very important. She stated that she has a question for Jeni, does the bus company save money using a central location versus home stops. Supt. Mosca stated no the cost is for the bus not the stops. Tracey Laurion stated that you talked about the budget freezing and it was because we had more students moving in not because of transportation and if we have more students we will get frozen no matter what we do. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to resume the late bus based on being misled while we continue exploring. He stated that he doesn't like hearing that students are being pushed off that bus. Robinson stated that the emotional decision is to support that but he won't be making an emotional decision. He stated that sometimes decisions are difficult and if we go forward with this year it will imply we are providing it next year and it will be an additional \$22,000 to the budget and that puts us at an increase and it will be very difficult to sell it to the town. He stated that he is not ready to support the late bus but he appreciates the discussion and he wants to continue the discussion. Anderson stated that even at home she had to get rid of the gym membership because nobody was using it. We are trying to make good financial decisions here and we want people to thrive. What is a fair number of riders? Nelson stated that she doesn't want to make emotional decisions, we need more time to talk about alternatives so it is not completely coming out of the school budget. Supt. Mosca stated that she can ask Mary if we have kids riding the late bus now. She stated that Mary never indicated crowding of the bus so she can ask her that information to gather more facts. She stated that when she was approached she was very happy to accommodate and I never got the impression of a ridership issue. Leach stated

that it is a great idea to put a time limit on it. She stated that we can vote to put it in and set a goal to revisit it at the January meeting and make a decision and explore the punch card idea and get further commitment from the bus company while we have a solution in place for families. She stated that taking it away and then figuring out a solution makes it difficult. She stated that if a kid joins a club or sport next week and we find a solution in January the club has already started so we need to explore options while we have a solution in place. Kunz stated that he agrees, to take it away and think about how we will replace it doesn't solve the problem. He stated that we were made aware of a problem and if kids are sitting three to a seat it is a problem. He stated that we have an agreement with the bus company to subsidize the cost and that is a game changer. Robinson stated that he would like to amend the motion to reinstate the late bus until January and revisit again and institute a \$2.00 per ride punch system starting November 1st. Nelson stated that there was no second to the amendment so it was not made. Kunz stated that he would like to withdraw his motion and make a new motion. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to reinstate the late bus and revisit at the end of January at which time we will bring up for discussion again. Robinson stated that we will reinstate the late bus and at the January meeting make a decision to extend and if we don't the last day of the bus will be the last Thursday in January. Kunz stated that at that meeting we will decide and give parents ample notice. Anderson stated that we will look at the voucher system in January. Nelson stated that we will reinstate the late bus and seriously reconsider at the January meeting at which time we will extend or not extend. Leach stated that means we will have the bus through the end of January and we won't discuss it again until January. Robinson stated that we will keep it through February 2nd. VOTE: motion passed, with Nelson Opposed. Supt. Mosca stated that logistically it won't start tomorrow we will need to notify parents and the bus company. Robinson stated that it can start the first possible day. Supt. Mosca stated that starting it on October 24th gives us a week. Nelson stated that she appreciates everyone coming and she voted no because she would rather give us time to work it out.

6. Action Items.

6.1 NHSBA Resolutions: None

7. Financial Update:

7.1 Budget: Robinson stated that he would like to discuss some of the comments from earlier. He stated that the way that the cost per student is calculated is not simple like taking the total and dividing it by the number of students that is not how we do it in New Hampshire and that is not how it is done in Maine. He stated that under the area agreement with Somersworth it was costed differently than how the special education is costed now with the a la carte. He stated that the perception of the lower cost was exasperated by SPED. He stated that the straight up tuition appeared that there would be a savings in tuition but the reality is that it's not less expensive to send our kids to Marshwood. He stated that we have seen an increase in enrollment in the middle and high school and he hopes we have families move into Rollinsford because in the long term it will increase our tax base and although we have a headache now in the long term it will help the town. He stated that if we have younger families doing improvements on their homes it will increase the tax base and they will pay a higher tax. He

stated that we are seeing economics at its finest. Nelson stated that she had a question on the budget that was included in the packet, there is a great deal not encumbered and some of the items we know we have to pay we just haven't received the bill yet and it makes the bottom line look huge. She stated that we haven't shown an encumbrance in transportation and that seems misleading. She stated that if you know we are going to get a bill for it then it should be encumbered. Supt. Mosca stated that we can do that but we tried to be as realistic as we could. She stated that the monthly transportation expense will change each month. D'Agostino stated that you will see the actual transportation on a monthly basis. Supt. Mosca stated that each month you will see the bottom line decrease. Robinson stated that under regular education there are encumbered items that are contracted and transportation is a contracted item too. Supt. Mosca stated that we were trying to give you more of actuals, we can encumber it but last year we spent \$20,000 more in sped transportation. Robinson stated that we should encumber because we know we are going to spend it. Supt. Mosca stated that transportation gets billed monthly and we could encumber it but we tried to be as accurate as possible that is why we didn't encumber. Robinson asked if we know what the regular education transportation will be. Supt. Mosca stated yes. D'Agostino stated that sped fluctuates. She stated that regular education what is budgeted is not what we are going to spend because when we did the budget it includes the kindergarten run. Leach stated that students in tuition can fluctuate as well and we encumber that. Supt. Mosca stated that if kids move we change the encumbrance in order to increase the available balance. D'Agostino stated that it is not a problem to encumber but we don't want to get to the end of the year and unencumber. Nelson stated that she knows that we are going to be audited so we should encumber that as well. D'Agostino stated that we don't get the bill until the end of the year. Robinson stated that things like legal makes sense to keep it in the available balance but things that we know that we are going to spend like transportation and other things. Nelson stated that the audit as well. Robinson stated that it makes sense to encumber what we can and if things change we can move them around. Supt. Mosca stated that we can do that. Any contractual items we will encumber. Robinson asked if they were happy with the budget a month in. D'Agostino stated that if you look at the budget and turn to page 1 of the expenditure line for the tuition high school to Somersworth the budget was \$242,823 and we have encumbered \$236,000 so we have a remaining balance of \$5900. The middle school to marshwood we didn't have enough because we had more kids. The high school was also understated. She stated that those are the knowns right now. She stated that page two is the sped tuition and we had more in the middle school, the high school has less and the out of district is more. Robinson stated that we all worked hard and things worked out ok. D'Agostino stated that when we had a teacher leave it really helped us out, if not we may be in trouble. Nelson stated that RGS is making the entire budget look ok. Robinson stated that at this point in time we are looking ok thanks to the situation. Supt. Mosca stated that if you look at the reduction of bodies at RGS this year alone there was a reduction of \$108,000 staff wise based on a decision that we made last year and then going forward reducing a teacher and aides there is \$150,000 deduction so in two years' time just bodies we have reduced a quarter of a million in the RGS budget and we still kept the quality education and we have been as creative as possible to provide education at RGS. Kunz stated that he appreciates everyone's efforts the

last few years and we have made some tough decisions and at the same time he still doesn't want us to get not doing things because we are afraid of the cost. Nelson stated that you will see that with next year's budget Kate took that to heart. Kunz stated that it is not a tough sell to the town that we need certain things.

8. New Business:

9. Old Business:

9.1 Community Connections: None

9.2 Transportation: Leach stated that she sent out an analysis of the morning bus routes. She stated that it makes no sense to me. She stated that one bus is getting to the transfer station at the legion ten minutes ahead of the other bus. She stated that the kids are getting picked up 10-15 minutes earlier even though we paid extra to get two extra buses. She stated that there are a lot of duplicate stops between the buses. Supt. Mosca stated that she talked to the bus company and the board had asked that the students be at Marshwood early which is why they are getting picked up 10-15 minutes early. She stated that if they took three buses to do the routes they will be back to the same problem as last year, the morning routes would be fine but the afternoon routes would mess up the grade school. Leach stated that can't we just change the morning routes. Supt. Mosca stated that if the three buses did the morning they would only have two buses picking up kids and the kids would be on different buses. Leach stated that she doesn't care about that. Supt. Mosca stated that you may not but others might. She stated that the stop at the legion they get there within five minutes of each other. Leach stated that one has eleven more stops than the other and they have seven duplicate stops. She stated that the last place the Somersworth bus ends up is on Foundry Street which is where the transfer station is. Supt. Mosca stated that she is happy to ask again but the issue would be the three buses in the morning and the two buses in the afternoon and the confusion that would cause. She stated that we are trying to be as accommodating as possible but we ask them to go all over the town that has a spread of area. Anderson stated that Thursday late start will run into the start time for RGS. She stated that she looked at the routes online and the first pick up to drop off is all 5-10 minutes apart on paper. Nelson stated that it comes down to do we want our superintendent to spend her time carving out the bus routes. Kunz stated that what happens in real time. Supt. Mosca stated that they are at the school between 7:05 and 7:10. Leach stated that we have more buses this year. Anderson stated that she brought it to the board's attention that anyone who takes part in the CTC programs leaves the school at 7:15. Supt. Mosca stated that the board asking and wanted our kids to get there earlier because they were arriving at 7:20. Leach stated that she is trying to come up with a better schedule for the buses that is a more efficient bus route than this. Robinson stated that we want to know if the hour and a half bus ride because he doesn't see that on paper and he wants an explanation. He stated that marshwood is not right down the road, sometimes will be more than what we want them to be. He stated that he is ok with an hour bus ride, we have to be with what we have to deal with. Kunz stated that we should have them come and talk to us. Robinson stated that they did come and talk to us, they have someone drive the routes. He stated that he is not siding with the bus company they are the experts on this and do this for a lot of towns. Nelson stated that she thinks that we have talked this through. Supt. Mosca stated that she will check on the hour and

a half ride. Leach stated that it is valuable to know if they condense say the loop on her street and just do one stop instead of the loop. Anderson stated that would they rather be on the bus ten extra minutes or stand in the rain. Robinson stated that we should explore how the bus routes are developed and what the real times are and how many are over an hour. He stated that we could send someone out to follow a bus. Supt. Mosca stated that they can log it on their bus. D'Agostino stated that last month the town sent out an email notice on the repairs on the roads and they have to work around that.

9.3 Marshwood Contract Items: None

10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- **October 19 2016- MSAD 35 Board Meeting**
- **November 2 2016- MSAD 35 Board Meeting**
- **November 14 2016- SAU 56 Board Meeting**
- **November 16 2016- MSAD 35 Board Meeting**
- **November 17 2016- Rollinsford School Board Budget Meeting**
- **November 17 2016- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**

11. School Events:

- **November 11 2016-Veterans Day-No school**

12. Closing Comments:

12.1 Visitors: Reegan Spinney thanked the board for all their hard work that they do behind the scenes because she knows how tough it is with the budget committee and she is more than willing to come to the meetings if they need parents there. She stated that the education of all our kids is important and sometimes you can lose sight of that if you don't have kids at home. Thank you. Kim Walker thanked them for reconsidering the late bus until January. She stated that her daughter will blab it to all of her friends and she will pass it along as well. Thank you for helping us working parents and giving the students the same opportunity as everyone else. Nancy Dionne stated that the budget committee meetings schedule is at town hall but there is no public input at those meetings. Z thanked them. She stated that she tries to come to meetings as often as she can and she has seen a lot of positive input from the board. She stated that she thinks that people want to be involved but they don't know how to be involved. She stated that they get a lot of information from the school and it is important to make sense of what is going on and it is important for everyone to know what everything entails in order for us to come to budget meetings. Tracey Laurion stated that national honor society is inducted members some from Rollinsford on October 18th.

12.2 Board Members: Nelson thanked everyone for coming.

13. Non Public: A motion made by Robinson seconded by Kunz 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. Entered into nonpublic session at 8:55pm. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Kunz to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited out of nonpublic session at 9:42pm.

A motion made by Kunz seconded by Robinson to accept the resignation of Kelli Haines. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Kunz seconded by Robinson to grant the Superintendent permission to hire the administrative assistant. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Kunz seconded by Robinson to approve a two year contract for Dick Fortier for 17/18 and 18/19. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

14. Adjournment: A motion made by Leach seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval