

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, Robinson Leach and Kunz.
2. **Comments by Visitors:** Greg Cordero stated that under the budget he is concerned as a citizen with the increase in cost per student, the last time he checked it was around \$21,000 and in 2011 it was around \$15,000. He asked how salary increases are determined and if they are based on performance or what they are based on. If they were based on state assessments and based on performance they wouldn't be getting a raise. He asked what strictness they are holding the teachers to.
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:
 - November 17 2016- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board
 - November 17 2016- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Budget Workshop
 - Enrollment-December
4. **Announcements:** None
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - 5.1 **Principal Update:** Nelson stated that Kate included her report in the packet and she talked about student led conferences. Lucas stated that we have all the data and all the positive and constructive things to plan for in the future and they are looking at the data and how it will evolve over the next few years. Anderson stated that she enjoyed seeing her child show what he is learning.
 - 5.2 **Marshwood Student Representative Report- Noah Niedzolkowski:** Niedzolkowski stated that the first round of parent teacher conferences was on November 15th and thanksgiving break was November 23rd through the 28th and winter break is December 23rd through January 2nd.
 - 5.3 **Somersworth Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines:** Haines stated that the student council is holding their annual clothes drive and the clothes fair is on Friday from 5:30-7:30 and it goes back to our community. She stated that NHS is wrapping gifts at the fire station and donating toys to toys for tots. She stated that they are doing a new project called project gratitude where teachers and staff pick a student who has positively impacted their lives and students pick staff as well. She stated that they are also hosting a teacher luncheon. She stated that the interact club helped the rec department last Friday with the candy cane hunt and also selling candy grams. She stated that youth to youth is doing Sam the skunk presentations to the elementary schools which educates them drug and alcohol prevention. She stated that the freshman class is hosting their first fundraiser at Texas roadhouse where a percentage of the proceeds go to their class. The sophomore class is

having their games night on Friday from 7-10 and will also be selling after school snacks. The junior class are getting ready for the prom fashion show fundraiser which is huge at bringing in funds and they will also be doing a mixed bag fundraiser. The senior class is preparing for project graduation and senior banquet. All winter sports have begun.

5.4 **SPED Spreadsheet Marshwood:** Nelson stated that the spreadsheet is included in your packet if anyone has any questions. She stated that this report shows us how quickly things can change from month to month.

5.5 **Activity Bus Review:** Nelson stated that they did not get the counts for the last week. She stated that this will become an action item in January to see what we will do for the rest of the year.

6. Action Items.

7. Financial Update:

7.1 **Budget:** Nelson stated that the current year's budget is included in the packet.

Transportation has now been encumbered so you can see the kindergarten savings for not having the mid-day run. Kunz stated that we talked at the last budget workshop we talked about encumbering the funds for the bathroom renovations and he wants to make sure we still have that on there. Nelson stated that as a board we decided not to put it on the warrant article and try to encumber it this year if we have a balance and do the work as soon as we possibly can. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Robinson to move forward with the bathroom renovations for \$27,500 and encumber the funds in this year's budget to be completed in June. Leach asked if there is any reason for us to wait. Supt. Mosca stated that we will encumber it now and if we need the money for something else we will come back to the board. Robinson stated that the idea of encumbering the funds is to show it out of the budget. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Robinson stated that he wanted to address the accountability of the staff and cost per student. He stated that he is not prepared to talk about cost per student but in last year's minutes we went into great detail on cost per student and it is a very difficult conversation to have. I am not ignoring your question I am just not prepared to answer it. He stated that as far as the salaries there are different ways to look at accountability and using the state scoring is one of them but there are a whole host of other avenues. He stated that this year RGS in helping to reduce costs to run the school have gone to a co-teaching model and changed the way education is offered and talking to parents there are a lot of great things happening at RGS and for that the staff is directly responsible so there are a lot of ways to account for performance.

8. New Business:

8.1 **Nelson** stated that Marshwood is considering a late start for high school and we have been invited to sit on the committee so Andrea attended the meeting and is going to give us an update. Anderson stated that the meeting went very well and they are in the very early stages. She stated that she doesn't foresee even next year it beginning. She stated that they discussed what the committee was charged with reviewing the data and looking at feasibility. She stated that they are going to look at everything that will be affected and a lot will be affected. She stated that at the next meeting in January the plan is to get a representative from UNH who has done studies on sleep studies and have them come and speak to us. She stated that the

Marshwood representatives attended seminars on areas that have shifted to the late start. She stated that our group has a lot of questions and they want to quantify the results. She stated that it appears it is a good thing but is 50 minutes really going to change a lot. She stated that the meeting went well and we had a lot of open discussion. Supt. Mosca stated that Portsmouth and Oyster River are doing it and both groups spent two years looking at it and both changed by 35-40 minutes. Anderson stated that Biddeford and Saco did as well so we will reach out to them to see what made them move. Leach stated that Oyster River and Portsmouth did Middle school and high school, she is interested in hearing why Marshwood is only considering high school. Anderson stated that she thinks that everything is on the table at this point and they are not in a hurry to flip the switch it will be a long process. Nelson asked if notes are taken at the meeting. Anderson stated that she is not sure if official notes are being taken but she will ask.

8.2 Nelson stated that the board has a policy on community use of school facilities and the recreation program approached the select board on who covers the group's liability insurance. She stated that Primex insures both the school and the town so Suzanne Huard the select board chair checked with Jeni and Primex has suggested adding an addendum to our policy. Robinson asked if the addendum is the number 3. Nelson stated that the addendum is the very last page. Anderson asked what we are being asked to do. Nelson stated that it won't cost us or the town anything. She stated that the groups that use the school will have to go online at Primex and get a certificate of insurance in case something happens in the school that is their fault it won't count against the school. D'Agostino stated that this is specifically for the town and the school it is not for outside groups. If an outside groups uses the school the policy goes into effect. Supt. Mosca stated that this is the first time that the town and the school have the same insurance. D'Agostino stated that the town can go online and do one for the school and the school can go in and do one for the town. Nelson stated that the rec committee will only need to do it once a year. Robinson asked if our legal has looked at it. D'Agostino stated that Primex legal looked at it. A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach to accept the addendum as presented.
VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

9. Old Business:

9.1 Community Connections: Nelson stated that we were all sent copies of the survey that will go out in January. She stated that it covers the stuff we talked about on the RGS survey. Leach stated that under #1 it says grade level so we need to switch those. Nelson stated that on the middle and high Marshwood one she would suggest adding for each student in case they have more than one. Leach stated that they have a paid login now so they can divide the answers by middle and high school and they will add a button to return to the survey for adding another student. Nelson stated that number three asks about second year of transition but it may be the students first year so you may want to change the wording. The board came to a consensus to go forward with the survey in January. Supt. Mosca stated that if you want to send the RGS one to Kate and send the Marshwood one to me she will send it to Mary.

9.2 Transportation: Supt. Mosca stated that she talked to Mary about the late bus and she sent me a quote on if we went back to using Marshwood's late bus and they would pick up at the middle and high school and do the switch and go to central school and then drop RGS students

off at the legion it would be \$22.82 per day so she estimated from February to June that it would cost \$1,209.46. She stated that she also contacted First Student but she is waiting to hear back from them.

9.3 Marshwood Contract Items: None

10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- **December 21 2016- MSAD 35 Board Meeting**
- **January 4 2017- MSAD 35 Board Meeting**
- **January 12 2017- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**

11. School Events:

12. Closing Comments:

12.1 Visitors: Mark Metevier stated that in regards to the letters that the Lausberg's sent to the board he knows they can't discuss in public but asked if the board has discussed it in private and will there be a response and asked if it can be added as an agenda item.

12.2 Board Members: None

13. Non Public: A motion made by Leach seconded by Robinson 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 6:11pm. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Robinson to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited out of nonpublic session at 6:29pm.

A motion made by Robinson seconded by Leach to ratify the REA contract. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

14. Adjournment: A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval