

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, Robinson (via phone) Leach and Kunz. Nelson stated that she would like to add two discussion items to the agenda, 5.6 will be superintendent search and 5.7 will be for district clerk position.
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 Leach to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:
 - December 14 2016- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board
 - December 1 2016- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Budget Workshop
 - Enrollment-January
4. **Announcements:** Nelson stated that she has a statement that she would like to read into public record. Bryant Lausberg's parents have made it clear to me (as chair) that they are looking for some reassurance that we have read the material they've circulated and taken any action we deem necessary. As most everyone knows by now, anyone in the school district employ, cannot legally discuss any personnel matters in public. Laws and policies are in place to protect district employees; to ensure that any administrative action is done outside the public eye in order to guarantee that no employee's personal or professional reputation is in any way compromised. Laws and policies allow the employee full access to their personnel file, and guarantee the employee the right to have representation at any and all administrative meetings. These rights go only to the employee, they do not extend to the employee's family or friends. Bryant's tragic death of a drug overdose has cast a wide shadow. We continue to extend our sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues. At the same time, we are acutely aware of our main responsibility, which is to ensure that RGS is a safe and nurturing environment in which to learn and to work. We have read the circulated material. We have discussed some aspects in that material. We have taken appropriate action. We have full confidence in Superintendent Mosca and Principal Lucas. That concludes my statement. Our attorney is present this evening to clarify any of the legal aspects, the laws that limit our public comment, who the laws protects. Are there any questions for the attorney or would the attorney like to say anything. Attorney Gorrow stated that you summarized the laws that you have to follow in order to protect the rights of employees.
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - 5.1 **Principal Update:** Lucas stated that there are a significant amount of co-teaching models happening in the building to varying degrees of success. She stated that they are seeing people try on different hats and they are evaluating the structure and programming to support the vision and pedagogy. She stated that they are not evaluating our pedagogy as it is best practice but we are evaluating the structure in place such as the co-teaching

configuration and schedule in place and whether or not it supports our vision or hinders our hopes for education. Nelson stated that she is happy to hear that also very pleased that you will be sharing it with us.

- 5.2 **Marshwood Student Representative Report- Noah Niedzolkowski:** Niedzolkowski stated that next week is midterms so there are not any athletics or events scheduled preceding exams in order to maximize the opportunity for exam readiness.
- 5.3 **Somersworth Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines:** Haines stated that national honor society is helping out at the soup kitchen on January 18th. Student council is hosting a semi-formal on January 14th. Youth to Youth is doing a film to help raise awareness for drug and alcohol use. She stated that the freshman class is doing fundraisers to help raise money for their class. They are selling cookies and hot chocolate after school and will be doing March Madness staff and student basketball game. Sophomore class is doing their after snacks fundraiser Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Junior class is getting ready for the prom fashion show which will be on February 4th. Seniors are planning project graduation and senior banquet. She stated that midterms are January 23rd and 24th.
- 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 can discuss this now or move it to action or discuss if they want it to be an action item. She stated that we agreed to keep it through February 2nd so we need to make a decision at this meeting. Supt. Mosca stated that a question had come up on where we have first student contract if we could get permission to use Marshwood for after school transportation. She stated that it took a week and a half but they did write an addendum to allow us to have MSAD 35 provide transportation. Anderson asked if they wanted to meet their offer. Supt. Mosca stated that she reached out to them and never heard back on that but even their reduced rate was double what Marshwood is. Leach asked what the rate for Marshwood was. Supt. Mosca stated \$22.82 per day. Leach stated versus \$140 for First Student. Nelson stated that they are not seeing an uptick in student ridership. Anderson stated that we are not seeing a rise in the numbers, I think eight is the max that I saw. Nelson stated that it is difficult but she is opposed to spending that kind of money as there are so many needs in the town and the district so she can't justify it. She stated that she would support the Marshwood bus if parents felt that the students would use it. Anderson stated that they could put the question on the survey. Kunz stated that is to take them to the legion. He stated that if there is some coordination and we got them that far, parents could coordinate from there, people could work together for carpooling. He stated that we are getting them into Rollinsford at a central area and I think that is a good place to start. He stated that the numbers aren't high and haven't increased. He stated that he is impacted by this as his son takes the bus but at the same time he doesn't need a private limo service. He stated that if we can get the kids over the bridge it does make it a lot easier. He stated that this is a good compromise. Robinson stated that he would support the Marshwood option. Supt. Mosca stated that when Mary sent this she said it would start after February break. Nelson stated

that we will run our bus until February break. Anderson stated that she would like to hear from parents. She asked if maybe there were areas that they can be kept at school. Leach stated that we can add the question to the survey. Kunz asked if she had a discussion with Mary about dropping the kids off at RGS versus the legion. Nelson stated that then we would have older students hanging out here and she is not sure we want to encourage that either. Supt. Mosca stated that Mary's letter was for the legion as that was the direction that I was given. Nelson stated that the legion seems like a reasonable place for bus drop off. Kunz stated that it does give ample parking for parents picking up kids as well. Supt. Mosca stated that if the PR group could draft something she will send it to Mary so it gets out to families. She stated that it should say we will continue with First Student until February break and then Marshwood after February break. She stated that Mary's letter was for the remainder of this year so we will have to have further discussion on if she will extend. A motion made by Anderson seconded by Kunz to discontinue the First Student late bus after February vacation and resume with the Marshwood late bus after vacation. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

5.6 Superintendent Search: Nelson stated that the SAU board accepted Superintendent Mosca's retirement so now we are scrambling as a SAU board to begin the Superintendent search. We are meeting next Wednesday the 18th with the NHSBA as we are looking to hire them to have them guide us through the process. They would receive all the resumes and do all the work. Kunz stated that next week we will get the parameters on what the search will look like and the makeup of the search committee, costs and timeframes. He stated that it needs to be succinct and tight schedule because we only have until April or May to make an offer. Nelson stated that whoever ends up on the search committee we will be having one or two members and our administrator it will be a time commitment and once it all gets laid out we will have to see who can fit it in.

5.7 School District Clerk: nelson stated that she was in the grocery store and Paula Woolley was there and she verbally resigned as school district clerk as her husband fell and she's dealing with some health issues as well. Supt. Mosca stated that the board can appoint an individual to serve until the March election. Nelson stated that this person takes the minutes as the deliberative session and has to be at the election. She stated that we need someone by the 4th. Anderson asked if this is something that we post if anyone wants to volunteer. Nelson stated yes and we would need to by January 20th.

6. Action Items.

7. Financial Update:

7.1 Budget: none

8. New Business:

9. Old Business:

9.1 Community Connections: Anderson stated that they will add the transportation question and put the survey out the last week in January and give them two weeks to respond. Leach stated that we will have the responses back by the February meeting but not collated until March. Nelson stated that this is the last meeting before the deliberative session do we want to do a mailer to explain the warrants and the budget. Leach stated that the reps on the budget

committee had good ideas on the health plan to save money and how it is a great savings to the town so we need to figure out as many ways to get that out there as we can. Kunz stated that we need to get the word out on how health care looks. He stated that whatever we send out needs to be clear and have information on how to get in touch with us. Nelson stated that is an interesting point to put contact us and our information on the mailer. Kunz stated that if folks have questions we can shed some light on it. Nelson stated that it is a great idea. She stated that she can put something factual together and someone can do the add ons. Kunz stated that we need to focus on what the points will be, there is a ton of detail out there through budget documents but if we really hit on those points.

9.2 Transportation: None

9.3 Marshwood Contract Items: None

10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- **January 18 2017- MSAD 35 Board Meeting**
- **February 1 2017- MSAD 35 Board Meeting**
- **February 9 2017- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**

11. School Events:

- **January 26 2017- Mini Musical Band and Chorus**

12. Closing Comments:

12.1 Visitors: Celia Leopold stated that she isn't sure if questions will be asked on the multi-level grades and how parents like it. She stated that she has seen feedback through the rumor mill but she would like to get it straight from the parents on how the kids and parents like it. Tracey Laurion stated that she is happy that we can still do that activity bus to get them over the bridge and it is a very good compromise for things.

12.2 Board Members: Nelson stated that the school has received feedback and they have been tweaking along the way but it will be nice to get that question out there. Anderson stated that we have more general questions not specific to that but it is a good suggestion to make it more specific.

13. Non Public: None

14. Adjournment: A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval