

1. **Call to Order-Roll Call- Pledge of Allegiance:** Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:15pm and upon call of the roll the following board members were present: Nelson, Anderson, Leach and Kunz. Absent: 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 Leach to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:
    - January 20 2017- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board
    - January 12 2017- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board
    - Enrollment-February
4. **Announcements:** None
5. **Discussion Items:**
  - 5.1 **Principal Update:** None
  - 5.2 **Marshwood Student Representative Report- Noah Niedzolkowski:** None
  - 5.3 **Somersworth Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines:** Bailey Haines submitted the following report. The student council had their annual Mr. SHS fundraiser two weekends ago where some of our finest gents strut their stuff in a pageant style event. The next event will be the annual wheelchair basketball game to be held in the next couple of months which will benefit unified sports day. The national honor society is volunteering at a local soup kitchen on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are also planning the annual triathlon event to be held before April vacation and a blood drive to be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The interact club is partnering with national honor society to volunteer at the soup kitchen. The freshman class are planning the March madness basketball fundraiser in which seniors battle it out against staff members and selling cookies and hot chocolate after school through the winter. The sophomore class are gathering items for cocheco valley humane society and scoping out prom locations. The junior class just had the annual prom fashion show which went exceptionally well and now are planning a Panera fundraiser and working out prom details. The senior class is planning for project graduation. The boys basketball team has a home game tomorrow at 5:30pm and the girls have an away game at Newfound High tomorrow at 6:30pm. Hockey has senior night this Saturday at home at 5:30.
  - 5.4 **SPED Spreadsheet Marshwood:** D'Agostino handed out the report and stated that there were no changes.
  - 5.5 **Date of March Meeting:** Nelson stated that right now the meeting is the Thursday before the town election at which time there will be two new board members elected so we can meet before or we can decide to move it to the Thursday after. Anderson stated that it makes sense to wait until after the election. Nelson stated that they will move the meeting to the 16<sup>th</sup> at RGS at 6:30pm.

- 5.6 **Mailer for Election:** Nelson stated that she did a handout and distributed it at the school, library and town hall and asked the board felt about doing a mailer. Kunz asked if they needed one. Leach stated that she didn't think that they needed one. Anderson stated that she assumes that they would do one similar to what they had at the meeting and asked if enough folks saw that one. Leach stated that they could post it online as well. Nelson stated that a mailer puts everyone under time constraints. Leach stated she doesn't necessarily think they need one. Nelson stated that there is only one article the budget committee didn't recommend. Kunz stated that there were a lot of people taken aback by that whole thing. He stated that we don't need a mailer there is a lot of good stuff on different sites and we had a good turnout at the meeting. He stated that he doesn't know how much bang for their buck they will get with a mailer. Nelson stated that there are also some write in candidates that we would want to support such as Charlie Putnam, Erin Cavanaugh and Tasha Botelo so we could let people know that. She stated that she intends to be there on voting day and she can hand stuff out as well. Anderson stated she would like more people to understand where we were coming from with the teacher benefit package and asked if enough people understand the medical cost is a savings for us for the duration. Kunz stated that the conversation got lost. He stated that it is not a quick fix it is a progression. He stated that it is a give and take and what we have accomplished this year is really monumental. Anderson stated that at the deliberative session she walked away feeling with the people who spoke especially Bill Irving that perhaps the message did get out. Nelson stated that she is hearing no mailer but keep the door open to doing a bulleted list with those items and the write in candidates. Anderson stated that we can put it online as well. Kunz stated that to have it in the different settings people will see it and to do it in a bulleted fashion will speak volumes. Nelson stated that we will do a bulleted list and post it on the town website and other places and also physically post it. Leach stated that she can work on it. Nelson stated that we would want it up a couple of weeks before.
- 5.7 **Marshwood Meeting-Possible Date and Agenda Items:** Nelson stated that it has been over a year since we met with Marshwood and it would be a good idea to have at least one meeting so we should be thinking ahead to a date after the survey goes out. Leach stated that they wanted to space out the survey from the RGS one. Supt. Mosca stated that Kate has her configuration all set and the staff met and they want to share it with parents but I wanted to share it with you first. The configuration will be K, 1-2, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 3-4, 5-6, 5-6, and 5-6. She stated that it is still multi age grouping with co-teaching allowed for flexibility. She stated that part of the issue is where we can physically put kids because K and 1-2 need to be in the annex. Nelson asked if this configuration will work with the current staff. Supt. Mosca stated yes. Nelson stated they will be letting parents know soon. Supt. Mosca stated yes either before break or shortly after we come back and you will have the results of the survey at the March meeting. Nelson stated that we could look at April or May for the marshwood meeting, I think last year we did either May or early June. Kunz asked where. Supt. Mosca asked if they wanted her to contact Mary. Nelson stated that we have time to decide where. She stated that we need to know what we will talk about, possibly a summary of the survey. Kunz stated that he would like to have it at our place. He would

love to have more attendance from parents and it encourages that here and it is less intimidating and we can promote it our way. He stated that we can have a section of the evening to ask questions and open it up a bit. Nelson stated that we could have students be there to speak and answer questions. Leach stated that we could have 6<sup>th</sup> graders from RGS come to ask questions. Supt. Mosca stated that she can start a conversation with Mary. Nelson stated that you can contact her and let her know that we are looking for a June meeting and we are kicking around ideas. She stated that she would like to ask Marshwood to provide us with honor rolls for Rollinsford students and asked if that is good information for us. Supt. Mosca stated that she can ask for that. Nelson stated that it is a measure of how our kids are doing. Leach stated that it is good for us to see as they carry through. Anderson stated that if we are talking about being welcoming and getting information about Marshwood we may want to have it there and get the students acclimated to Marshwood. Kunz stated that it is a matter of convenience to get more people there and we have a bigger area, it is just something to consider. Anderson stated that the committee met for late start and we had a woman from an organization to start school later named Tracy who is the chapter leader for Southern Maine and she did a presentation and went through the science of it and the adolescent sleep cycle and they are more prone to not wanting to go to sleep until 10 and then as adults they drift back. She stated that teenagers still need 8-9 hours of sleep per night. She stated that certain schools in the country have gone to a later start and they need to do 8:30 or later or it doesn't help. She stated that she has done a lot of reading on this and she is still trying to understand because it is a point in time and how does the science work if there is a shift during day light savings time and there are a lot of other issues to waiting for buses in the dark. She stated that the next step is that they would like to have other schools who have implemented it talk to us to give us the reasons to make the changes. She stated that she is waiting to hear back on when that will be set up. Nelson asked if there is an end time for this to start. Anderson stated no they are just trying to understand the benefits of it.

## **6. Action Items.**

**6.1 2017-18 Rollinsford Grade School Calendar:** Nelson stated that the calendar looks ok to her. Supt. Mosca stated that she collaborated with Kate and Mary on February and April vacations because we go hours which equate to 177 days and they go 175 days so we had to play with the beginning of the year. She stated that she thinks that we are good. We have 177 days with 8 professional days and we have the same February and April vacations. Leach asked when Marshwood starts. Nelson stated that they start the 5<sup>th</sup>, they can't contractually start until after Labor Day. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to approve the calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

## **7. Financial Update:**

**7.1 Budget:** none

## **8. New Business:**

## **9. Old Business:**

**9.1 Community Connections:** None

**9.2 Transportation:** None

**9.3 Marshwood Contract Items:** None

**10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:**

- **February 15 2017- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**
- **March 1 2017- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**
- **March 9 2017- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**

**11. School Events:**

**12. Closing Comments:**

**12.1 Visitors:** Celia Leopold stated that at her high school they started at 8:45 and got out at 2:15 and we could do child care for the siblings after school and that was in Vermont.

**12.2 Board Members:** None

**13. Non Public:** None

**14. Adjournment:** A motion made by Leach seconded by Kunz to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Katie Krauss  
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval