

1. **Call to Order-Roll Call- Pledge of Allegiance:** Supt. Mosca called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and upon call of the roll the following board members were present: Nelson, Anderson, Cavanaugh, Leach and Kunz.

- 1.1 **Election of Officers:**

- **Chairperson:** A motion made by Leach seconded by Anderson to nominate Judy Nelson as Chairperson. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
- **Vice Chairperson:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to nominate Tom Kunz as Vice Chairperson. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
- **Secretary:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to nominate Emily Leach as secretary. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

- 1.2 **Committee Assignments:**

- **Negotiations:** Judy Nelson, Tom Kunz and Andrea Anderson
- **Delegate and Alternate to NHSBA:** Tom Kunz and Emily Leach
- **Town Budget Committee:** Judy Nelson
- **Alternate Town Budget Committee:** Emily Leach
- **Community Connections:** Emily Leach, Andrea Anderson and Erin Cavanaugh

Nelson stated that there is a NHSBA new member training on May 3rd from 5:30-8:30 in Concord.

Supt. MOsca stated that if you are interested let me know and we will register you.

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 Anderson to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:

- February 9 2017- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Meeting
- Enrollment-March

4. **Announcements:** Supt. Mosca stated that we have had many snow days so Kate and I had a conversation and we will make the April and May in service days regular school days and move the professional development days for teachers to the end of June so now the last day of school will be June 22nd. She stated that they will send a notice out to families.

5. **Discussion Items:**

- 5.1 **Principal Update:** Kate Lucas stated that the survey results are in the packet. She stated that based on the feedback the class configurations for next year will be different. She stated that the staff also have done internal reflections, also K-1 has to be on this side of the building so that plays a role into which classes can be big. She stated that another thing that came out of it is the continued need for communication and we are trying different things and having parent evenings. She stated that they will have RGS read a K-6 literacy night on April 6th and also a family math night on April 11th where they will have activities and games for them to play here and they can also play at home and we will provide all the materials

and resources to them. Nelson asked if there have been any parent reactions to the new configurations. Lucas stated no, you have it but we have put it out that this is right now and is our hope and we have allowed for wiggle room but we just want to be careful.

5.2 Marshwood Student Representative Report- Noah Niedzolkowski: Niedzolkowski stated that the last day of school for Marshwood is June 17th. He stated that March 9th they had a band concert, March 10th the American Red Cross held their second blood drive and then CPR training at night. He stated that on March 20th they had a suicide prevention seminar. He stated that on March 29th there will be an information meeting on prom. He stated that on April 15th the junior class will be taking SAT's. He stated that sports have transitioned into spring sports which are baseball, softball, track and lacrosse.

5.3 Somersworth Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines: Haines stated that student council are having a wheelchair basketball game on April 17th and it will benefit unified sports day in May. She stated that interact club is having a decathlon on April 2nd which will benefit a health clinic in Zimbabwe. She stated that NHS is volunteering at Riverside Rest home and will be having a triviaton the last day before April break. She stated that they will be holding a blood drive in May. She stated that the freshman class is doing their March Madness which is a staff versus senior's game. The sophomore class is looking for prom venues and will be having a game night fundraiser. The junior class is having prom on May 6th and will be doing a Panera fundraiser. The senior class is getting things ready for project graduation and waiting for confirmation on a graduation date. She stated that Somersworth will also be taking SAT's on April 5th. Spring sports have also started which are Softball, Baseball and track.

5.4 SPED Spreadsheet Marshwood: Nelson stated that there have been no changes since last month. D'Agostino stated that the number of students is the same but the costs have changed.

5.5 2017-2018 Rollinsford School Board Meeting Dates: Nelson stated that included in the packet is the meeting schedule for 2017-2018. The board approved it by consensus.

5.6 Kate's Survey Results: None

5.7 Board Retreat: Nelson stated that traditionally we do a retreat after the new board is established to set our goals and mission. She stated that usually we meet at the SAU office for about three hours. She asked the board to think about dates in late June or early July.

6. Action Items.

6.1 Professional Staff-Nomination List: A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to accept the nomination list as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

7. Financial Update:

7.1 Budget: Nelson stated that Marie emailed an up to date budget as we have received the special education bill from Marshwood and found out that they are not billing us at the expected rate so we are double checking to make sure the students are receiving the proper services. She stated that they are billing us on the schedule but the amount was lower than we expected it to be. Supt. Mosca stated that we unencumbered the funds that we had set aside. She stated that they met with them and talked about how they view a block of time versus us following their a la carte menu. She stated that in the spring Marie and Pam will meet with their

folks to look at what we have for students and services and see what it looks like which will help us for the budget for the 18/19 school year. Leach asked how much was unencumbered. D'Agostino stated that it was a little over \$100,000. Nelson stated that it gives us opportunities. She stated that we as a board believed in the collective bargaining agreement that we passed and we have the opportunity to recognize the staff who have done an exceptional job. She stated that this is the third straight year without a contract and of the last nine only three have been passed and we have asked the staff to do a great deal for us. She stated that we can think about spending some of that money to show appreciation for what is done. She stated that another opportunity is that the building capital reserve we found out can be used as CIP fund for things that need to be fixed in the school. We always thought that it had to be an emergency but that is not the case. D'Agostino stated that she didn't know that this would be brought up tonight and she has to go back to see what the language was when it was set up. Nelson stated that they will put it on the agenda for April. She stated that she would recommend in the next warrant articles that we put a freeze on the special education reserve and start building the building one up. Kunz stated that we run the risk putting things on the warrant. He stated that we know what the school needs and if we can do some of these things we should because we run the risk putting it on the warrant because we are not getting the backing. He stated that the others are not looking at it through the same eyes and we are all seeing it in real time so if we can bypass that nonsense we can get things done. Nelson stated that the town did support the lift and finishing the three phase power. She stated that we didn't put the bathrooms on the warrant and have already encumbered the funds for that. Kunz stated that we should do as much as we can. Anderson stated that it is important to address the boiler and roof in order to be proactive instead of reactive. Nelson stated that we had a list last year that should be updated.

8. New Business: Nelson stated that we need to figure out a date for a joint meeting with Marshwood as they are heading into budget season. She stated that they gave the suggestion of May 10th at 6:30 at Marshwood. She stated that she did communicate that we felt it was our turn to host it but they felt strongly that they can stream it and do other things that they can't do here. She stated that they haven't worked out the agenda but Jeni and I will meet with Mary and their board chair. Leach stated that she would like to hear more about the cuts at the state and how they are affecting the school. Nelson stated that we had also asked to have them provide a list of honor roll students. Supt. Mosca stated that she will follow up on that. Leach stated that we had talked about parents and students coming and asked if they should still see about doing that. Anderson asked if the survey is covering that enough or do we want people to come. Kunz stated that is why I wanted it to be here to make it easier for folks to go. Nelson stated that she made it clear in the email but it was not something that they were interested in. Anderson stated that we could invite people to come to our next meeting to discuss without having them come to the joint meeting. Kunz asked what we are going to talk to them about. Nelson stated that we can discuss the state cuts, the honor roll and it is our opportunity to talk to them. Supt. Mosca stated that she is not sure they will have answers about the cuts by May 10th because their budget process is later but she can be in touch with Mary and ask. Nelson asked if they wanted to have a joint meeting or just ask the Superintendent to bring the information back to us. She stated that she thinks that we should go forward with this one. Kunz stated that we should have a

robust agenda to make it worthwhile because he finds that their stuff is scripted and kind of awkward. Nelson stated that the agenda will be our survey, state cuts, honor roll and we will invite parents. Leach stated that she thinks that having those answers in public is good. Kunz stated that we can also send out a request to parents for questions that they may have. Lucas stated that it might make sense to schedule after your retreat. She stated that their budget is online and says who is going to be cut. Nelson stated that knowing who is cut doesn't show the impacts.

9. Old Business:

9.1 Community Connections: Nelson stated that in the message of the survey we could say that the meeting is coming up. Supt. Mosca asked when they will have the survey. Leach stated that they sent it to the board so it is ready to go as long as they are ok with it. Supt. Mosca asked them to send it to her.

9.2 Transportation: None

9.3 Marshwood Contract Items: None

9.4 Late Start Marshwood: Anderson stated that they met on March 6th and had athletic trainers from Biddeford and Thornton Academy there and they spoke on their experiences mainly from an athletic standpoint. She stated that they had stats on attendance and it has gone up by 1% and tardiness dropped in half. She stated that it is much easier for them on travel time and their school day is also shorter. She stated that they had positive things to say and it went fairly smoothly for them but Marshwood would have a harder time with their location. She stated that there is an act in Maine to provide for a later start time state wide. She stated that it would ensure that a secondary school would not start a school day before 8:30am and that extracurricular activities would not start after 7:30pm on an evening immediately prior to a school day. She stated that this is something that they are still watching. Nelson asked if they are looking just at high school or middle school as well. Anderson stated that it is both.

10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- **April 5 2017- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**
- **April 13 2017- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**

Kunz stated that he would like to add to the agenda about having a conversation with the select board about better pooling of resources and he would like to see us initiate that conversation.

Nelson stated that people in this school do work with the road agent and transfer station but it is a great discussion to have.

11. School Events:

12. Closing Comments:

12.1 Visitors: Celia Leopold stated that it would be good to do something for our staff because she would hate to see experienced staff leave because as a community we didn't accept the contracts. She stated that she thinks they should keep the joint meeting rather than hearing things come from one superintendent to another because she likes getting information straight from the source and we can also learn from each other. She stated that as a parent she wants to know if her student will make the team when they get over there or will they be cut because other kids have more experience.

12.2 Board Members: Leach stated that she apologizes to the staff for not getting the job done with the CBA. She stated that she is incredibly disappointed and we tried to get the information out there. My apologies and we hope that we can get it done next year. Kunz stated that we didn't get backed from the budget committee and there was no reason that it shouldn't have been unanimously supported. He stated that he is hoping that the new budget committee will take on the challenge of reviewing it with real thought. He stated that this was a gift and it was just let go and I am at a loss and can't explain it and we need a better explanation as a town. Nelson stated that there was no reward, the REA was giving a gift to this town and the only thing they asked for was that people were placed on the proper step.

13. Non Public: A motion made by Leach 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 8:13pm. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Nelson to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited out of nonpublic session at 9:20pm.

A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to allow a student to finish the school year at RGS. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to provide merit bonus up to \$15,000 to those teachers who are not on the appropriate salary step to be divided based on appropriate step placement based on years. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

14. Adjournment: A motion made by Leach seconded by Kunz to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval