

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, Cavanaugh and Leach. Absent: Kunz and Anderson.
2. **Comments by Visitors:** Nancy Dionne stated that the enrollment is on the agenda but they don't hear the number and asked if she could get it. Nelson stated that the total enrollment at RGS is 156 students, 134 for Marshwood middle and high school and 21 for Somersworth high school.
3. **Consent Calendar**
 - 3.1 **Removal of items from the consent Calendar:** None
 - 3.2 **Approval of consent calendar:** A motion made by Leach seconded by Cavanaugh to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved were:
 - March 23 2017- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Meeting
 - Rollinsford Grade School Newsletter: March 27 2017
 - Rollinsford Grade School Newsletter: March 9 2017
 - Enrollment-April
4. **Announcements:** Nelson stated that she wanted to update everyone on the Superintendent search. She stated with the help of NHSBA they did a full search and had a number of people apply. She stated that we interviewed a smaller number and did first and second interviews. She stated that the search committee felt that there were no suitable candidates to be found and the next steps is that we will be looking for an interim Superintendent. She stated that we have two interviews scheduled as an SAU nonpublic meeting and we will reopen the search in the fall.
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - 5.1 **Principal Update:** Kate Lucas stated that RGS reads was last week where we explored literacy and gave them tools to support their students at home. Tuesday we had family math night and we were really pleased with both of them. She stated that the 6th graders facilitated stations and played math games with families and they received great feedback from parents. She stated that the DOE came to do a site visit for Title I and she raved about the school. She stated that Shawna wrote a book and it comes out May 16th and she will be speaking at a variety of different workshops. She stated that last spring we applied for a title I grant and we were awarded that grant and a team of nine of us are going to Portland Oregon for a workshop on inquiry based learning in schools.
 - 5.2 **Marshwood Student Representative Report- Noah Niedzolkowski:** None
 - 5.3 **Somersworth Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines:** Haines stated that NHS attended the state summit and the workshops were targeted on making an impact beyond our community. She stated that they will be having their annual triathlon the last day before April vacation. She stated that student council attended the spring conference in Exeter. She stated that the wheelchair basketball game is on April 17th and all the proceeds

will be going to unified sports day. She stated that the freshman class is selling drinks after school, the sophomore class is having a games night on the 21st, the junior class is having prom on May 6th, and the senior class is planning project graduation and senior banquet. She stated that the interact club is helping the rec department with the Easter egg hunt today at 4:30 and will be having a car wash at VIP on May 13th. She stated that softball and baseball are in full swing and track had their first meet on Tuesday in Exeter and the javelin did really well and took first place overall. She stated that SAT's were on April 5th and that is a huge weight off. She stated that they will be having a college fair on April 19th and graduation is on June 7th.

- 5.4 **SPED Spreadsheet Marshwood:** Nelson stated that there was a slight change from last month. Supt. Mosca stated that we had two students who were no longer in need of services. Leach asked if that means that their base tuition moves out of the sped line. Supt. Mosca stated yes we have made that adjustment.
- 5.5 **Select Board/ School Board Partnership:** Nelson stated that tom mentioned that he would like to see more partnership. She stated that we will be talking later on and taking action on working with the town on a number of culverts that we need to give permission for them to cross school property. She stated that the select board reached out to Jeni. She stated that a lot of work goes on between the two that we may not be aware of.
- 5.6 **Board Retreat:** Nelson stated that we really need to come up with a date for this and it is important that all of us are there. A tentative date was set for May 7th from 2-5 at the SAU office.
- 5.7 **2017-2018 Meal Prices:** Nelson stated that the federal government pays a certain amount and our meal price doesn't meet that amount so every year we need to raise it at least 10 cents. Supt. Mosca stated that she begrudgingly we have to get closer to their mark. A motion made by Leach seconded by Cavanaugh to accept the meal price increase as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.
- 5.8 **Building Fund Use:** Nelson stated that at the last meeting she made a statement that they could use this as a CIP fund and we looked into it. She stated that we can put money into it and take money out by warrant. She stated that there are big items that need to be done in the school. She stated that it is a good time to start putting bigger amounts in. She stated that we need to cap the special education fund and pay more attention to this fund. She stated that this year the warrant was for \$25,000. Leach asked if we can put more money in if we have some left over. Supt. Mosca stated no, it has to be by warrant. She stated that going forward we can leave sped where it is and increase this fund. Nelson stated that she hopes to be a part of the CIP so the town can see what our big ticket items are and how we will pay for it. D'Agostino stated that it has to be a set dollar amount on the warrant.

6. Action Items.

7. Financial Update:

7.1 Budget: Nelson stated that the budget is in the packet. Supt. Mosca stated that we need to update the memo on the projects. She stated that the technology part is fine. She stated that the paving is now \$28,000, the food warmer is \$3,400, the annex windows will also need an abatement as there is asbestos in the caulking in the window and that will run about \$20,000.

She stated that the total is \$133,500. She stated that we would like to approve this tonight in order to start scheduling the work. She stated that right now the bottom line is at \$284,000. Nelson stated that we have released sped encumbrances so we have a good surplus. Cavanaugh asked what happens to it if we don't spend it. Nelson stated that it goes back to the town to offset taxes. She stated that work needs to be done and some of this work has been put off. She stated that if people are feeling uncomfortable we could approve the building side and hold off on the technology. Leach asked about the smart boards. Lucas stated that everyone has one but they are coming to the end of their life and we need to replace them. Nelson stated that they are all part of the tech plan. Leach stated that it all needs to be done and we have the opportunity to make up for years past. Nelson stated that this money is something that we were not expecting and prior boards have been clear that we would put it into the building when we have extra money. A motion made by Leach seconded by Cavanaugh to approve the list of projects as presented not to exceed \$134,000. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

8. New Business: Supt. Mosca stated that in order to assist the town the board has to approve to give me authorization to sign and give access to the property as need and the second paper is the licensed agreement to allow folks to come on the property as needed to do the culvert work that the attorney wrote up. She stated that she needs their authority as she is attending the meeting tomorrow at 11am. Leach asked if they will be on the playground when kids are here. Nelson stated that from what she understands the work will be done in June and it should not be impacting the playgrounds. Leach stated that her concern is that we don't know these people. Supt. Mosca stated that Hoyle and Tanner will work with the town and they will come to the school and introduce who will be on property and have a conversation with us. She stated that as it gets started we will make sure they introduce themselves and they will fill us in as it gets closer. A motion made by Leach seconded by Cavanaugh to give authorization to Jeni Mosca to sign on their behalf. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Nelson stated that it may come back to us later as a permanent easement. Supt. Mosca stated that we have to present a permanent easement to voters, the license allows temporary access.

9. Old Business:

9.1 Community Connections: Leach stated that the surveys went out, RGS last week and Marshwood the week before.

9.2 Transportation: Nelson asked if there are any students riding the marshwood bus. Leach stated that she received third party feedback and they said that the bus is crowded and students don't want to take it and the other one said they had to sign up for it because it was so crowded. Supt. Mosca asked if they wanted her to check with Mary. Leach stated that it would be nice to know. Nelson asked if we are paying whether we have riders or not.

9.3 Marshwood Contract Items: Nelson stated that we are in the second year of a six year contract and at the end of six we can renew for another four years and we will start negotiating at the end of the fourth year. Leach stated that with the cuts to state funding do we have protection in place or can the tuition jump. Nelson stated that is a great question for the joint meeting. She stated that the only protection we have it if at any time they are not delivering the education we can opt out at any time. She stated that if you look at their frequently asked questions you will see the state formula and the Rollinsford tuition formula is there. She stated

that it is interesting how they do budgets, they do a lot of summarizing. She stated that the joint meeting can be nuts and bolts budgetary meeting. Cavanaugh asked if the cuts are definite. Supt. Mosca stated that their budget isn't finalized until June. Nelson stated that as a board we can think of questions and share them with each other and we can give them an idea of the questions so they can be prepared.

9.4 Late Start Marshwood: None

10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- **April 26 2017- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**
- **May 8 2017- SAU Board Meeting**
- **May 10 2017- Joint Meeting with Marshwood**
- **May 11 2017- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
- **May 17 2017- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**

11. School Events:

12. Closing Comments:

12.1 Visitors: Nancy Dionne at the select board meeting fencing was mentioned. Nelson stated that it was a misunderstanding. Dionne stated that the shed was originally \$30,000 and asked what the reason is for the increase. Supt. Mosca stated that there was some prep work and a pad needs to be done. Nelson stated that the original price was an estimate just for the shed.

12.2 Board Members: None

13. Non Public: A motion made by Leach seconded by Cavanaugh 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 7:28pm. A motion made by Leach seconded by Cavanaugh to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited out of nonpublic session at 8:05pm.

A motion made by Leach seconded by Cavanaugh to reaffirm the motion from the previous meeting of a onetime bonus merit pay for teachers not on appropriate step. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

14. Adjournment: A motion made by Leach seconded by Cavanaugh to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval