

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, Kunz and Anderson. Absent: Leach
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 Cavanaugh to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:
    - April 13 2017- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Meeting
    - Rollinsford Grade School
    - Title I Onsite Review Final Report from Cynthia Proulx, Title I Consultant
    - Enrollment-May

Nelson stated that she hopes everyone looked at the Title I review, it was very impressive with how she talked about both Somersworth and Rollinsford. Supt. Mosca stated that they really highlighted the work and what folks are doing, it was excellent.
4. **Announcements:** Nelson stated that last week she attended a grant writing workshop for historical grants. We will be talking about whether or not we want to apply for a grant for the cupola or windows and doors. She stated that one of the steps is attending this workshop so we can check that off the list. She stated that they give matching grants up to \$400,000. She stated that she would also like to announce that we hired an interim Superintendent which is bittersweet because we don't want Jeni to go but Cornelia Brown will be starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Cavanaugh stated that she attended the new board member training and it was really helpful. They went over the seven habits of highly effective board members and Jeni presented on the relationship between the board and the Superintendent. She stated that it was very informative and worthwhile. Supt. Mosca stated that there were a number of new board members there and also some that have been board members before.
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:** Haines stated that the student council held a teacher brunch on Friday to celebrate all the staff and students also did messages thanking them or for teachers who have had an impact. She stated that they are planning unified sports day where partnership and student council bond and the kids get to be stars. She stated that NHS is hosting a blood drive tomorrow all day. Interact club is having a car wash at VIP from 10-2 on Saturday. She stated that elections happened this week and most of the officers stayed the same. She stated that the freshman class is holding an open gym to raise money. The sophomore class is looking at prom venues and making class shirts and will be doing the Loudon race track fundraiser. The junior class just

held their prom and it went really well. She stated that it was held at Spring Hill and they call to tell us that they appreciated us being so well behaved and that we were one of the best behaved proms they have had. They are also doing class shirts and working at the UNH commencement concession stand. The senior class is working on project graduation and senior banquet. She stated that the baseball team is home today and softball is away and the track meet was yesterday. She stated that AP exams were this week and they received their SAT scores yesterday.

**5.4 Select Board/ School Board Partnership:** Nelson stated that this is on the agenda so we can think of ways that the school and town can work together. Kunz stated that we need to gauge what we want to focus on. He stated that he wants to look at working along with our partners such as the select board and highway department to see how we can better use our resources and how the school can help the town as well. He stated that possibly Dick helping out at town hall as well. Nelson stated that we can have a discussion with the select board. Kunz stated that they may have contracts with vendors that could be beneficial to us and we can get a better cost. Nelson stated that a couple of us can go to the select board meeting and open the conversation and also recognize what we already do together such as the oil contract. Supt. Mosca stated that you could go to the meeting and start the dialogue and then maybe have a joint meeting. Nelson stated that her hope is to have the school on the towns CIP plan so the town can see what we are planning and what we have to do. She stated that they will attend their mid-June meeting.

**5.5 Fun Time University Renewal:** Nelson stated that Fun time is the after school program that runs independently of the school and they have a contract with the school and pay \$220 a month for the use of the gym and one classroom. We need to figure out if that is a reasonable price. They do serve the community. Cavanaugh stated that they provide a great service to parents and students and there are no other alternatives and it is really valuable asset and she wouldn't recommend charging any more. D'Agostino stated that the program also runs in the morning before school not just in the afternoon. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Cavanaugh to approve the one year contract with Fun time University contingent on the renewal of their insurance binder. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

## **6. Action Items.**

**6.1 Vote to Ratify March 16<sup>th</sup> Voting Results:** Nelson stated that we had the public hearing on Chapter 20:6; Laws of 2017 to ratify and confirm all actions, votes and proceedings at the 2017 annual school district meeting. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to ratify and confirm all actions, votes and proceedings at the 2017 annual school district meeting. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

## **7. Financial Update:**

**7.1 Budget:** Nelson stated that she wanted to update everyone on the budget committee meeting. Alan Robinson is the chair. She stated that during the meeting she brought up how disappointed we were that the collective bargaining agreement didn't pass and we could give step movement but we did not feel comfortable doing that without some support and asked if they would support it and they did not. Kunz stated that it is time to bring them up to where they should be and there is a lot of misinformation especially when the agreement saves the

town money, there is no reason not to support that. We need to ramp up our efforts. Anderson stated that she hopes we can get to a point of close dialogue on how they feel in order to work together to come up with a plan to work for everyone. She stated that she didn't hear any reasons on why they were against it. Nelson stated that she made the point that we would like dialogue right away. Anderson stated that we need to be more proactive. Nelson stated that the current budget is in the packet if anyone has any questions. Supt. Mosca stated that Marie and Pam met with Marshwood and they tried to work through the special education billing process so we are more closely aligned. She stated that it was great that they went as it was very helpful. She stated that they talked about how difficult it is to bill three times a year because a lot of things happen with movement of students so if we bill monthly we can get a more real time capture of that movement. So moving to monthly billing for both regular and special education will give us a better handle on it. Nelson asked if it was discussed on how it got so far apart. Supt. Mosca stated that included in the billing are costs associated with all the stakeholder for a meeting and the cost associated with their time and they folded that in and not billed separately and that is a big amount of money. She stated that they also discussed what constitutes a block of time there and that had a variation as well. She stated that they will be meeting with them again coming up. Nelson stated that we built this budget before we have even received a bill from them. Supt. Mosca stated that they will wait for an MOU from them and then share it with the board and our attorney.

#### **8. New Business:**

#### **9. Old Business:**

**9.1 Community Connections:** Anderson stated that they completed the surveys and Emily had given the results for Middle and high and tried to email the RGS results but had a problem so we will put that off until the next meeting. Nelson stated that we had excellent participation and very positive feedback from Marshwood.

**9.2 Transportation:** Nelson stated that Marshwood informed us that there are 5-10 students on every late bus and they will be charging us \$1200 for March-June. Anderson stated that the middle school principal clarified that you did not have to sign up it was a sign in for safety reasons. Supt. Mosca stated that we will need to let them know if we plan to continue for next year. Nelson stated that we did leave \$5,000 in the budget so that should easily cover it. Anderson stated that we should find out they are still willing to do it for the same price. Kunz stated that if we have it right from the start parents can have the information and they will be able to plan so he thinks the ridership will increase.

**9.3 Marshwood Contract Items:** None

**9.4 Late Start Marshwood:** Anderson stated that she is waiting to hear back on the next meeting. Nelson asked if they were to do it is it another two years out. Anderson stated that from the discussions we have had, where marshwood is located it will be a challenge to accommodate a late start.

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

- **May 17 2017- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting**
- **June 8 2017- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**

#### **11. School Events:**

- **May 20 2017- All School Awards**
- **May 20 2017- Step Up**
- **June 1 2017- Spring Recital**
- **June 19 2017- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast**
- **June 22 2017- Students Last Day**

12. Closing Comments:

**12.1 Visitors:** Celia Leopold stated that the rec committee uses the school for the summer so you already have that relationship with the town. She stated that the landscaping for the town is much more expensive than what you already have. Kunz stated that we want to have a conversation on what resources we can team up with to get a better deal, if it is more expensive it might not be the way to go. Celia Leopold stated that she has been in town ten years and she feels like a new comer. She stated that she doesn't feel like her kids know much about the school and we need more community outreach. Kunz stated that he doesn't know the answer to get the kids acclimated to the school unless they have siblings it is something we need to work on. He stated that there is a lot of negative perception on money. He stated that a lot of folks are misinformed and only hear one thing and that is what they go with. He stated that we give people tons of information and we can't fill the seats here to get folks to show up and hear the great things going on. Celia Leopold stated that to make the community connection you could use the buildings as community center for something else. Where I grew up they held community dinners or had the seniors in for coffee to reach out and get them involved. Nancy Dionne asked if the contract for fun time is for 12 months. Nelson stated no it is school year.

**12.2 Board Members:** Anderson stated that we do try to have community events and the town is always invited. She stated that she does like the other ideas you suggested for doing more community events. Nelson stated that keep in mind that the school is always available but it doesn't have to be the school to put it on. We as a board want the educators educating not a social worker for the town. Supt. Mosca stated that in the fun time contract it does state that they may operate during vacations and summer. Cavanaugh stated that they have a summer camp offsite and are not using the facility.

**13. Non Public:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson 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 Anderson seconded by Nelson to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited out of nonpublic session at 8:35pm.

**14. Adjournment:** A motion made by Cavanaugh seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Katie Krauss  
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval