

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, Leach and Anderson. Nelson stated that she would like to introduce our new interim Superintendent Dr. Brown. She stated that Dr. Brown come from Nashua most recently. She stated that the Superintendent search committee didn't find a suitable candidate so the SAU board decided to hire an interim Superintendent. She stated that Tom, Don and herself reviewed resumes for an interim and recommended Dr. Brown and voted the same evening to open up negotiations with Dr. Brown. She stated that some of the things that made us choose her was her experience, collaborative nature, breadth and depth of her recommendations including both the president of the Nashua teachers union and the board chair, demonstrable commitment to public education, and her grasp of our needs with two different districts. Dr. Brown stated that it is her pleasure to be back. She worked in this SAU in 1988 as the principal of Great Falls School in Somersworth which is similar to this building in many ways. She stated that she was going to be a candidate as principal here at RGS but was hired in Sanborn. She stated that this is her 20th year as a superintendent. She stated that Nashua is very different but you have some of the same themes such as student achievement and how your kids are doing and being good stewards of public trust and public money. She stated that she has been assisted by the SAU staff and had a tour with Kate. She stated that she is impressed by the amount of work that has taken place over the summer and you have a real asset with Kate here and she looks forward to working with you all. Tracey Laurion asked if she is looking at this just being an interim or is it something more as you know we are looking for something permanent. Dr. Brown stated that both parties have an opportunity to test drive the relationship to see if it is a good fit. So we will see if the board wants long term or if the community is where I want to stay.
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. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:
 - June 26 2017- Minutes of the Rollinsford/Somersworth Policy Meeting
 - June 8 2017- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Meeting
4. **Announcements:** None
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - 5.1 **Principal Update:** Lucas stated that the abatement in the annex walls and window replacement has been completed. The pavement has been completed and evened off the ground. The three phase power in the gym and annex is to be completed next Friday as they are waiting on parts. The storage shed has been installed and completed and the one that was falling down is gone and the other one will be gone in September. She stated that exterior lighting in the annex and on the back side of the playground has been done. The

staff bathroom in the guidance office is done so we have two staff bathrooms now. We have the final programming out of the hallways and Title I has moved into the old guidance office. She stated that guidance and the de-escalation Zen Den is downstairs where the old library used to be. There will be a door for guidance office and the Zen Den is about to be finished where students can go to work on de-escalation. She stated that the classrooms have been painted which hadn't been done in ten years. The bathroom in the main building plumbing has been done but we are waiting on the two sinks to be done. She stated that Mike Woolley has been working tirelessly on the project. She stated that the ADA lift has been installed and we are waiting on the state inspection which will be done in the last week in August. She stated that the cabinets and shelving in the kitchen has been replaced and meets all the codes for sanitation in the kitchen. She stated that the relocation of the classrooms is done and the tech upgrades have been completed. She stated that the work that Dick, Rick and Jani have been putting in, in addition to all the other contractors has been amazing and they have been working tirelessly and the atmosphere is awesome. Nelson stated that the work that has been done is remarkable and it looks great. Lucas stated that extended school year wraps up this week. She stated that in terms of professional learning 9 staff attended the Opal School Symposium in Oregon in June and they have the same vision for education and how to utilize the community and resources to make change in your school is incredible. She stated that it is inspiring in so many ways. She stated that this was all grant funded. She stated that six people also took a course in Portland Maine and nine other did the workshop online. Nineteen of us did book studies so there has been a lot of professional learning going on. She also wanted to compliment Caroline Chartier the administrative assistant as she is welcoming to everyone and she does things before she is even asked and it is an incredible energy to have. She stated that the staff will be going to the Brown center at UNH the first day back to do some team building and collaboration. Leach stated that if anyone thinks that teachers only work 185 days that puts it into perspective. Nelson stated that the kindergarten teacher also does home visits with all the kindergarten students. Lucas stated that she was at a cookout in Exeter with people she didn't really know and someone there said that they heard that we had the best kindergarten teacher in the state.

5.2 **Marshwood Student Representative Report- Noah Niedzolkowski:** None

5.3 **Somersworth Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines:** None

5.4 **1st Reading: BCB-Board Member conflict of interest, BEDC- Quorum, BEDD- Rules of Order, BEDD-R- Sample rules of Order, ECAF- Audio & Video Surveillance on School Buses, EFAA- Food Service Meal Payment Charge Policy and Procedure, IHAMA-Teaching about alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco, IHAMB- Teaching about Self-Protection:** Nelson stated that this list was much longer of the policies that we reviewed. Anything that was required by law we didn't bring forward because they were required. She stated that the rules of order only applies to us not Somersworth as they follow Roberts Rules of Order.

6. Action Items.

7. Financial Update:

7.1 Budget: Nelson stated that the budget committee did vote to move the budget committee meeting on the school budget to December 13th which is on this schedule. D'Agostino stated that she provided the law requirements from the DRA and we look at those dates and back date our schedule. Nelson stated that we usually have 5:30 meetings before the October board meetings where we do budget discussions and if needed we schedule extra meetings.

8. New Business:

8.1 Oil Renewal and Memo: nelson stated that every year the district and the town get together to do the oil renewal. Leach asked what we paid last year. D'Agostino stated the same. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to accept the oil bid at 18 cents over the cost per gallon. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously.

9. Old Business:

9.1 Community Connections: Nelson stated that we wanted to talk about doing something for the teachers on the first day back. They will be at the Brown center on the 28th do we want to do something on the 29th. Lucas stated that on Tuesday we will have a math consultant so we will be in the building doing math. Nelson stated that we need to plan on getting out our second newsletter. Anderson stated that we received a letter from Marshwood Middle school and it was pretty thorough and explained about extracurricular activities and when they started and the late bus. Leach stated that it is good for us to reiterate those points in our newsletter. Anderson stated that we can put information from Kate's letter with important dates. Cavanaugh stated that is there anything related to our goals that we can include. Leach stated that we can say we are working with the budget committee. Kunz stated that we can include the next budget committee meeting date. Nelson stated that seems like enough to get in there. We will have a draft go around to ok. She stated that we should do a small token for the SAU staff that puts this together as well to show our appreciation.

9.2 Marshwood Contract Items: Nelson stated that we are keeping a list of items. Leach stated that we had with Somersworth a situation where one parent lives in Rollinsford and one lives in Somersworth and they had joint custody so we paid half tuition for Somersworth and asked if we had a similar caveat in the Marshwood contract. Dr. Brown stated that she doesn't think that there is a contract item that talks about that. Kunz stated that Marshwood may already handle situations like that. Dr. Brown stated that she has a meeting with Dr. Nash on the 22nd and she will ask her.

9.3 Late Start Marshwood: None

9.4 August 2nd Rollinsford Budget Committee Update: Nelson stated that on August 2nd they had the second quarter review on the budget committee and they opened the meeting with noting that Alan Robinson no longer lived in town and therefore could not serve on the committee and they wanted to vacate the position and a number of us were caught off guard with that so Michelle Small will be in contact with Alan. She stated that if he is no longer eligible it will be filled by that committee and will be filled with the next highest vote getter. She stated on the school budget discussion she asked for suggestions on step deficit for the six teachers and their thoughts on multiyear contracts and there were a number of different opinions on multiyear contracts and it came down to maybe supporting a two year contract. The step deficit was mixed with the focus on give back on insurance as the top priority. She stated that I noted that they did give back on insurance. She stated that there were comments that we need to make sure that we have top notch

qualified teachers and evaluations to make sure that they meet our standards and that 5% for each step and track is too high. She stated that there was comments that we had a three year contract years ago and they were given 5% each year but she can't find that. She stated that there was a suggestion for a multiyear contract that there be a benchmark in the contract against cost of living so if it goes way up or way down we can reopen the contract.

10. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- **August 23 2017- MSAD 35 Board Meeting**
- **September 14 2017- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**
- **September 18 2017- SAU 56 Board Meeting**

11. School Events:

- **Open House September 7th 5-6 Picnic and Open House 6-7**

12. Closing Comments:

12.1 Visitors: None

12.2 Board Members: Leach stated thank you for all the hard work over the summer.

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 7:16pm. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited out of nonpublic session at 8:10pm.

14. Adjournment: A motion made by Kunz seconded by Cavanaugh to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval