

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.
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:
    - November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Meeting
    - October 12<sup>th</sup> 2017- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Meeting
    - October 12<sup>th</sup> 2017- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Budget Workshop
    - Rollinsford Grade School Newsletter
    - Enrollment-November
4. **Announcements:** Dr. Brown stated that she is really enjoying the Rollinsford Grade School Facebook page. It is a great way to show what the kids are doing and she is really enjoying it. Kudos to Kate and the staff here, it is really great to see. Nelson stated that she went to dinner at Alexander's and there were two waitresses, one who lives in Rollinsford and one in South Berwick and teaches at Marshwood. She said that she always knows who the Rollinsford kids are because they are kind, thoughtful and very understanding and she loves when those kids are in here room. She stated that there was also a general consensus that Mrs. Wright is a true treasure to RGS. Leach stated that she is loving the teacher profiles on the Facebook page.
5. **Communications:** Dr. Brown stated that many boards have a place on their agendas for letters that they have received and it gives them an opportunity to speak to it. Nelson stated that in the future this is where letters from citizens that are received by the board will be discussed.
  - 5.1 **Department of Environmental Services- NHDES Letter:** Dr. Brown stated that they received a letter from the Department of Environmental services and as you can see, there were a few things that we needed to address. She stated that they received an email from them today that all issues have been addressed and they have been satisfied. Credit to Kate and Dick and the staff who were involved to addressing the concerns.
6. **Discussion Items:**
  - 6.1 **Principal Update:** Lucas stated that she appreciates what Dr. Brown said regarding Facebook, they are hearing a really good response from it and it is a really efficient way to communicate so it is working really well. She stated that Nicholas Franks used to be an elementary school teacher in Boston and he lost one of his students in the bombing in Boston and he ran the NYC marathon for that foundation in 3 hours and 42 minutes. She stated that it is really cool to have a role model here showing how important it is to have live a healthy lifestyle and give back to your community.

**6.2 Marshwood Student Representative Report- Noah Niedzolkowski:** Niedzolkowski stated that the first quarter has ended and parent teacher conferences are beginning. He stated that the teachers are satisfied with the turnout. He stated that the interact club is having a Red Cross blood drive. He stated that winter sports have begun. He stated that the Varsity Football team is going to the state championships the third year in a row. He stated the guidance is organizing an information session and providing resources for college application process to create a familiarity with the students. Nelson asked if he is apply to any early admissions. Niedzolkowski stated that Bowdoin College is his first choice.

**6.3 Somersworth Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines:** Haines stated that student council is selling wreaths for a fundraiser. NHS is making thanksgiving baskets, which will give people a proper thanksgiving meal. She stated that the interact club will be doing childcare for parent teacher conferences. The holiday parade will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. She stated that NHS did a Krispy Kreme fundraiser and it was really successful. She stated that they had a blood drive today and they will be volunteering at the UNH games and at the soup kitchen on November 15<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the freshman and sophomore classes are working on fundraisers, the junior class is hosting a game night and selling tumblers and they finalized their DJ for prom and the senior class is working on senior gift ideas. She stated that fall sports have ended, winter sports have begun, and they have had open gyms. She stated that they will have I apply day on November 14<sup>th</sup> where seniors will apply to colleges with guidance support. She stated that drama is doing Somersworth Night Live with three shows this weekend. Nelson asked about colleges that she has applied to. Haines stated Princeton, Brown, Harvard, and BU.

**6.4 Schedule Additional Budget Meeting:** November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at RGS.

## **7. Action Items**

## **8. Financial Update:**

**8.1 Budget:** D'Agostino stated that the only thing not encumbered is the special education services from Marshwood. Dr. Brown asked Judy if she would like to announce the action that the SAU board took regarding the assessment change. Nelson stated that the SAU board met which is made up of Somersworth and Rollinsford. She stated that the school can't have a fund balance but the SAU can and Rollinsford and Somersworth both contribute to it. She stated that Somersworth asked if they would consider releasing funds and our share is 16% which is \$16,800 and the way that is managed is that we have a reduction in what we are billed.

## **9. New Business:**

## **10. Old Business:**

**10.1 Community Connections:** Cavanaugh stated that the first FAQ was compiled on the late bus and how it works. She stated that it is now available on the Rollinsford School Board Page on the SAU 56 site under notifications. She stated that once we have more we can maybe have its own page set up. Nelson stated that other thoughts we had for FAQ was the Marshwood Tuition formula and Marshwood has it on their site as well. She stated that another one is that we met as a board as we get to keep 2.5% of our budget not as a fund balance but in a special trust fund. She stated that if there is money left it gets returned to the town for tax relief. She stated that we were hoping to return \$100,000 and we met to agree not to take the full 2.5%

and instead return \$100,000 for tax relief. She stated that as soon as the DRA received it, the tax rate was set so you will be receiving your tax bills. She stated that if you look at the town's website there is a section called understanding your taxes and our local assessment tax was the lowest increase of any that have gone up because we were able to return money to keep the tax rate down. Leach stated that we can clearly outline what we can control on our budget. Anderson stated and how we break out RGS, Middle and High School. D'Agostino stated that she can send them the pie chart.

**10.2 Marshwood Contract Items-SPED tiered system:** Nelson stated that we talked in the budget workshop on how the tiered system would not be to our advantage. She stated that our agreement runs through 2021 and we have a chance to meet in 2019 to see if we want to automatically extend four years. She stated that as we look to the 19/20 budget we should put in more legal to make sure that it is covered.

**10.3 Late Start Marshwood:** Anderson stated that they had a meeting on Monday that she was not able to attend but she asked them to send her an update so she will follow up with them.

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

- **November 13 2017- SAU Budget Workshop & SAU Board Meeting**
- **November 13 2017- SAU Policy Committee Meeting**
- **November 15 2017- MSAD 35 Board Meeting**
- **December 6 2017- MSAD 35 Board Meeting**
- **December 13 2017- Rollinsford School Board Budget Committee Meeting**
- **December 14 2017- Rollinsford School Board Meeting**

**12. School Events:**

**13. Closing Comments:**

**13.1 Visitors:** Lori Hess stated that they had tryouts for Peter Pan this week, the kids are really excited about it, and we had great tryouts. Lucas stated that we had 28 kids audition. Nelson asked when it will be. Lucas stated April. Celia Leopold stated that she appeared before the select board for the PTO in order for us to collaborate with them to get notices out.

**13.2 Board Members:** None

**13. Non Public:** A motion made by Leach 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 7:06pm. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Anderson to exit out of nonpublic session. Exited out of nonpublic session at 8:30pm.

**14. Adjournment:** A motion made by Kunz seconded by Cavanaugh to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Katie Krauss  
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval