

1. **Call to Order-Roll Call- Pledge of Allegiance:** Hanlon called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and upon call of the roll the following board members were present: Austin, Nelson, Bolduc, Anderson, Kunz, Pepin, Hanlon, Yoder, Hiller, Cavanaugh, Smith and Rivers. Absent: Leach and Brennan
2. **Budget Discussion:** Dr. Brown stated that she needs to apologize that when she sent out the budget there was an error in it that pertains to salaries so the packet that was given out was wrong but the one given tonight is the correct one. She stated that the good news is the budget itself is down but the bad news is that the net budget is up due to the use of the fund balance as we took funds for 17/18 budget as well as the release of funds so the net impact to the 18/19 budget is a sizeable increase. She stated that the next few pages are highlights of the budget subject to your decisions. She stated that she left you room to negotiate with a new Superintendent and put in a \$130,000 figure, which makes you competitive. She stated that there is an increase in salaries of \$12,614, which also includes a 2% increase for staff. She stated that dues increased due to the salary increase. She stated that they decreased meeting expenses and a small increase to supplies. She stated that telephone has gone down significantly. D'Agostino stated that we eliminated cell phones last year so that is why there is a big decrease. Dr. Brown stated that there is a small increase for the landscaping company. Bolduc asked if the premium holiday credit is ongoing forever. D'Agostino stated yes, we get the gross rate without any premium holiday and then it is less with the discount. She stated that the board approved to use the billing rate in order to minimize a big increase. Hiller asked what the dues are for. Dr. Brown stated that we pay dues to NHSAA for the administrators. D'Agostino stated that there are also other dues to organizations that we belong to. Dr. Brown stated that the next page in the packet is a budget comparison sheet. She stated that the revenue decreases are sizable which results in an increased assessment for Rollinsford in the amount of \$45,000 for Rollinsford and \$181,539 for Somersworth if this was passed. She stated that we have not used any of the remaining \$70,000 of the fund balance and she would council you against using any of that. She stated that we get indirect cost from the grants and one thing that we haven't added was any for the IDEA grant as we are trying to refine that number and we will have it in December but we don't have a final projection on that tonight. She stated that we also may have some revenue for the Middle School priority grant. She stated that the next page in the packet is regarding the assessment, which is RSA-C: 9 which is set by the state under the SAU statute and then apportioned to each district based on a percentage. She stated that the assessment doesn't include the revenues that she just mentioned. She stated that the next page is the details on personnel. Bolduc stated that we always black out health and dental but we leave the names and the positions and he would rather eliminate the names and the positions and see what we are paying for health. Anderson asked if we should increase the superintendent. Dr. Brown stated that we put in \$130,000, that is up for negotiation, and we included a two-person health plan so there is room to negotiate. Hiller stated that she is a little confused on the assessment, is it because we took money from the fund balance that is why we

are being assessed. Dr. Brown stated that the SAU used money from the fund balance to mitigate the cost to each district and because you took it out you don't have that money to spend to offset the increase. Austin stated that is the danger of using any single use revenue you end up having to make it up. He stated that the assessment is how the budget gets assigned to each district.

3. **Adjournment:** The workshop closed at 6:49pm

Katie Krauss
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval