

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, Leach and Kunz. Absent: 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 Leach seconded by Kunz to approve the consent calendar as presented. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Approved were:
 - January 11, 2018- Minutes of the Rollinsford School Board Meeting
 - January 5, 2018-Minutes of Rollinsford School Board Meeting
 - Enrollment-February
4. **Announcements:** Lori Lane stated that she had been in touch with an organization called Reaching Higher New Hampshire and the Policy Director contacted her on holding a Citizens Town Hall on Education. She read the statement that they put out: "The purpose of this event is to update the public on education news and events that have been happening at the State and Federal levels and then hold an open question and answer session." She stated that they would have an open forum about any bills in legislation that had been passed in 2017 and those that are on for consideration this year. She stated they would also inform us of anything coming up before the State Department of Education and any issues at the Federal level. She stated that many are familiar with SB193 which is known as the Voucher Bill and this would be one of the things they would discuss and inform the public on what it means and what it entails. She stated they are hoping to schedule this the first full week of March at Somersworth High School. Nelson asked if it was a legislative group. Lane stated they are a non-partisan advocacy group. Nelson stated that once the date is set they will get it up onto the website and advertise it.
5. **Communications:** None
6. **Discussion Items**
 - 6.1 **Principal Update:** Nelson stated that in Kate Lucas' Principal Update she was curious about "Inquiry Learning-The Dangers of a Single Story". She stated that when you only hear one side of the story, what have you learned may not be the way it is. Lucas stated that currently this is being done in the 5-6 grades and kindergarten. She stated that grades 5-6 are doing stories of Mexican Americans and Black Americans and prejudice. She stated that this is not only stories that we are told but the stories that are presented on the media and how it may change and influence our view of people. She stated that we are in week 8 of this and the thoughtfulness and commitment of the kids is amazing. She stated that in kindergarten they are working on single stories related to gender. She stated that they take a trip through a virtual store and discuss boy and girl toys, boy and girl clothes. She stated that they discuss what the media and marketing is telling them as to what toys they can play with and what clothes they should wear. Nelson thanked Lucas and then asked if this was the first full year

with math being taught at grade level. Lucas stated that they have had to make adjustments with this and that it is driving their schedule. She stated that the math learning that is taking place is great and the students are able to dive more deeply into content.

6.2 Marshwood Student Representative Report- Noah Niedzolkowski: None

6.3 Somersworth Student Representative Report-Bailey Haines: Haines stated that last weekend the Student Council had held the Mr. Somersworth High School Pageant. She stated that the crowd and participants were engaging and enthusiastic. She stated that the Student Council is also setting a goal to create more sense of team and we are planning various team building activities to help with morale. She stated that the National Honor Society is volunteering at the Table of Plenty Soup Kitchen on March 7th and are also in the planning stages of doing something to celebrate our custodial staff to let them know they are appreciated. She stated that they are looking to do something with the Pease Greeters and volunteering at Riverside Rest Home in Dover. She stated that the NHS is also planning an election of officers for next year. She stated that it will be a nice change as they have not had new officers in several years. She stated that the Interact Club is helping at a Father-Daughter Valentine's Dance tonight at Idlehurst School till 8:30. She stated that the Freshman Class is sponsoring the Annual March Madness Basketball Game on March 16th. She stated that the Sophomore Class has its Valentines Dance on February 16th. She stated that the Junior Class is doing the Annual Cochecho Humane Society Food Raiser where food and toys are collected for the animals at the Shelter. She stated that the Senior Class have been meeting to plan Project Graduation and they are looking at Dover Bowl and Hilltop Fun Center. She stated that the Unified Basketball Team had its last game today. Nelson asked if Haines had ever done Pease Greeters in the past. Haines stated she had not and that it is a difficult event to plan as a group as there is not much advance notice as to when a plane will be coming in. Nelson stated that it is an incredible experience and she highly recommends it to anyone who hasn't participated.

6.4 Homeland Security Grant Opportunity: Nelson stated that Lane had let her know that there is money available to do some safe and secure things in schools in the state. She stated that it is a grant which you have to apply for to do a study of your school building and you decide what you are going to do from the study. She stated that the first step was to find out what it would cost to do the study. She stated that Lane was able to contact Chris Solomon who used to work for Banwell. She stated he was kind enough to give a ballpark figure of what the study would cost. Lane stated that these funds are available statewide and that the governor had released approximately 19 million dollars on January 1, 2018. She stated that the money is going quickly and 10 million dollars has already been dispersed to fifty different SAU's around the state. She stated there is one more opportunity to put in for these funds and that will be on March 5th. She stated that what they would be looking at were the entrances to the building and looking at the options to really secure the building. She stated if you want to submit for the money, you have to submit a figure. She stated that the figure given by Chris Solomon was \$15,000.00 to do the study, 80% of it being reimbursable so it would only cost Rollinsford \$3,000.00. Kunz asked if there was a limit on how much a school could ask for or any restrictions on what can be done. Nelson stated that

there are no limits and school districts are requesting as much as 1 million dollars. She stated that a safe and secure front entrance is on their list of plans. She stated that the only way to get a real cost estimate is to do the study. Kunz asked if there had been any announcement of these funds being made available. Nelson stated that it may have been in the paper. Kunz asked how quickly the funds are being turned around. Lane said quickly, as they want to get this money dispersed. She stated that you pay up front and get a reimbursement. Nelson stated that they would ask Lucas to do the paperwork. Lane stated that Lucas, as the principal would have to submit the application and it is online. Nelson stated that one had been done for the outside cameras. Cavanaugh asked if the phones and bell system would fall under the term of security and perhaps could be added to this study. Lane stated that she would find out. Nelson stated that they already have a figure for upgrading the phones and bell system. Cavanaugh stated that she felt the phone system certainly had to do with security. She stated that they seem to be granting what people are asking for. Kunz asked how we would come up with the funds. Nelson stated that the cost of \$15,000.00 would be encumbered out of the current budget. She stated that we know the cost of phones and bell system and that money has been encumbered already. She stated that we would ask for money for the study, money for bell system and phones and money for the doors. Leach asked if we already had a baseline of the cost from the IBEA study. Nelson stated that the IBEA study did not cover security. Leach asked if we were applying to do the study. Nelson stated we were applying to do the work. She stated that we had to do the study before we would get the money. Leach stated if we do not put in for the money at the same time we put in for the study we will not get the money. Lane stated that was correct. Nelson stated that we were only asking for the money for the study. She stated that they have an estimate of \$300,000 to \$400,000 to do the work. Lucas stated that when they were looking at the CIP they had to have an ADA and security approved entrance. She stated that the estimate of \$300,000-\$400,000 came from not even knowing what was needed in this building. She stated that we are hoping that with Chris Solomon he will be looking at the building with very little renovation needed. She stated that it will bring us much closer with 80% reimbursement. Nelson stated that this moves us closer to knowing what this is going to cost. She asked if they had to encumber money because if the pieces of this get improved we have already encumbered money. She stated that the consensus will be to move forward with the Homeland Security Grant Application.

6.5 **Reminder:** March Board Meeting is March 15, 2018 after March 13, 2018 Official Voting.

7. **Action Items:**

7.1 **Policy 2nd Reading:** Nelson stated that all of these policies were brought forward as recommended or required. Kunz made a motion, seconded by Leach to accept the policies as listed. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Policies approved were: BEDB-Agenda Preparation and Dissemination, BEDG-Minutes, BEDG-R-Access to Minutes and Public Records Process, DIH-Fraud Prevention and Fiscal Management, EH-Public Use of School Records, EBCA-Emergency Plans, GBCD-Background Investigation and Criminal Records Check, IHAK-Character/Citizenship Education, IGE-Parental Objections to Specific Course Material, IHAM-Health Education and Exemption From Instruction, IHAM-R-Health and Sex Education

Exemption: Opt-Out Form, IHCD-Advanced College Placement, ILD-Non-Educational Surveys and Questionnaires, JICD-Student Discipline and Due Process, IMDA-Patriotic Exercises, JICFA-Hazing, JLF-Reporting Child Abuse

8. Financial Update:

8.1 Budget: Nelson asked if Marshwood had billed the district for any of the after school bussing yet. Krauss stated she had not seen anything from them yet.

9. New Business: None

10. Old Business:

10.1 Community Connections: FAQ : Cavanaugh stated that they have been working on the mailer to send around town explaining the warrant articles being voted on and explaining some of the language that is there. She stated that it was difficult to fit everything on one page so we decided to address the biggest warrant articles and then do an FAQ on line that will include all of the warrant articles. Leach stated that they have been putting out the facts on the school board page. Nelson asked if they were getting comments on them. Leach stated no but they have gotten some likes and shares. She stated that the goal was to get the information out. Nelson asked if Leach had been able to work with the union. Leach stated that she had a meeting with them last week to talk about how to coordinate efforts. She stated that there will be some sign making. Nelson asked if NEA had been involved. Leach stated that Peter Miller had been involved. She stated that she believes the union is also planning on sending out a postcard. Nelson stated that all they could do is get the voters informed and out to vote. She stated that she had placed paper copies of the Warrant, the Budgets and the Bargaining Agreement at the Town Hall and Library. She stated that she will replenish them as needed. She stated that they may want to think about something for the morning after the election at the school.

10.2 Marshwood Contract Items: None

10.3 Late Start Time Marshwood: Nelson stated that she had received an email from Anderson as to the late start meetings. Leach stated that they had sent out a survey to parents today to get more input. She stated that sports seem to be the major issue.

11. Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items:

- **February 28, 2018- MSAD 35 School board Meeting- 7 PM- MHS**
- **March 7, 2018- MSAD 35 School Board Meeting- 7 PM- MHS**
- **March 13, 2018- Rollinsford School Board-Official Ballot Voting**
- **March 15, 2018- Rollinsford School Board Meeting- 6:30 PM-Rollinsford Grade School- because of elections**
- **March 21, 2018- MSAD 35 School board Meeting- 7 PM- MHS**

12. School Events: Lucas stated that the musical is coming up on April 6th and 7th at 6:00 PM. She stated that next Friday, February 16th they are going to the movies. She stated that we are going to see Peter Rabbit and will all wear our pajamas. She stated that the Police Benevolent Association has done this for years. She stated that they usually go just before the holidays but this year that was not going to work so they were more than willing to change it to just before February vacation.

13. Closing Comments:

13.1 Visitors: Gail O'Connor, school nurse, stated that when the school calendar is being set up for the coming year that some of the Professional Days be the same as Somersworth's Professional Development days. She stated that nurses, music teachers, art teachers do not have the chance to meet with their colleagues. Nelson stated that O'Connor needed to continue that conversation with Lucas. Charlie Dionne stated that he keeps hearing about the big ticket items and that the study is 4-5 years old. He asked if there was any way to update this to get more accurate costs. Nelson stated that is why we are working on this study to get a cost of these items.

13.2 Board Members: None

14. Non Public: A motion made by Kunz 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. Exited into nonpublic session at 7:15. A motion made by Kunz seconded by Leach to exit out of nonpublic session. VOTE: motion passed unanimously. Exited out of nonpublic at 8:10.

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

Melinda Sullivan
Board Secretary

Pending Board Approval