RIVENDELL INTERSTATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Westshire Elementary School – West Fairlee, VT
September 6, 2016

This meeting will be convened in a public session.
Other topics arising after the posting of this notice may be discussed and acted upon.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order 6:30
II. Agenda Revision/Time Allocation 6:31
III. General Public Comments (Listen & Defer Action to Future Mtg.) 6:32
IV. Presentation:
   A. Working Smarter (K. Gelenian) 6:40
V. Consent Agenda (Accept)
   A. Minutes 7:05
      1) Board – June 7 & August 9, 2016
VI. Informational Reports (written) 7:07
   A. Superintendent Report
   B. Head of Schools Report
   C. Elementary Schools Reports
VII. Ongoing Business (Deliberation & Possible Action) 7:30
   A. Auditor Appointment
   B. Head of Schools Evaluation
   C. Retreat Review, including Superintendent Hiring Process
VIII. New Business (Receive Information & Possible Action) 7:45
   A. Hiring/Resignation/Personnel Updates
   B. Videotaping in Classrooms for Professional Development Purposes
   C. Correspondence
IX. Future Agenda Items (Discussion) 8:00
    Common Core, Crisis Response, Community Outreach, Policies to be Revised (ongoing),
    Department Reports, Orford Academy Building Task Force, Superintendent Search (Oct);
    Vision for Food Service, Community Outreach – Rizos (Oct.)
X. Executive Session (Discussion), 1 VSA § 313 8:05
    1) Personnel
    2) Negotiations
XI. Adjournment (Action) 8:30

Upcoming Meetings/Events: 09/05/16 – Labor Day Recess/No School
                             10/04/16 – School Board Meeting, DO, 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: Agenda items may be taken out of order, if so voted by the School District Board.
Minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection within five (5) days of this meeting.
Preamble:
In 1998, four small communities came together to form the Rivendell Interstate School District. Early innovators engaged a diverse community to create a new district dedicated to recognizing and addressing the needs of all our children. They had the courage to innovate and the willingness to do the hard work. Rivendell had now come of age, and its graduates, students, educators and community members can take pride in the District’s accomplishments. Rivendell’s story is a compelling one that continues to evolve. Over the next five years, Rivendell’s mission will be to build on its successes and continue to engage the broader community. The Rivendell Board will focus on its ultimate goal: of offering the highest quality education for each student so all Rivendell graduates may find success throughout their lives in accordance with their interests and regardless of their means.

Mission Statement:
The mission of the Rivendell Interstate School District is to inspire intellectual curiosity and to cultivate in each student a passion for learning, a tenacity of purpose, and a commitment to excellence, personal integrity, and social and civic responsibility.

Goals:
The Rivendell Board has set and will support the following three goals over the next five years.

**Goal 1:**
To attract to Rivendell students, parents and faculty who value a strong academic focus in a small school setting.

**Goal 2:**
To cultivate the most supportive school culture possible. Every child should look forward to school as a place that nurtures them socially and inspires them academically. Rivendell should be a safe and respectful environment conducive to rigorous and focused learning where healthy choices are exemplified and positively reinforced.

**Goal 3:**
To identify and effectively communicate a clear cohesive narrative of who we are as a school community; emphasizing our strengths while continuing to address our areas of need.