I. Call Meeting: Meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m.

II. Agenda Revision/Time Allocation: None at this time.

III. General Public Comments: None at this time.

IV. Presentation/Guests
   A. Dean Stearns, River Bend Career & Technical Center: Stearns gave a brief history and outlined the programs offered at River Bend Career & Technical Center. Sobetzer felt there was no preparation for students taking the state NECAP tests. Stearns stated that he hopes to work with school principals and teachers to better assist with this preparation. Lyndes asked why River Bend did not offer business courses. Stearns stated that due to low enrollment and lack of interest they discontinued the program.

   B. Orford Academy Task Force: Duncan-Cooley reported on where the Task Force was at this time. They have come up with a list of criteria for possible uses of the building. Compatibility with the school; self funding; school retain control; financially viable (long term success); serve the community or school purpose. The committee then drafted a list of possible types of use for the building. Community use (ex: library, theater); self-funding; housing; office space/commercial use; subsidized housing. The Task Force would like to investigate the senior housing aspect further and report to the Board at a future meeting. The Board asked that they also investigate other schools that are located close to senior housing.

V. Consent Agenda (Accept)
   A. Minutes (December 7, 2010)
   B. Superintendent Report (written): Needham stated that Rivendell is on the agenda for the New Hampshire Board of Education for approval of the Rivendell Board’s request to change in the articles of agreement, if so approved by District voters. She reported that Westshire was given a $4,200 fresh fruit grant for nutritional education.
   C. Head of Schools Report (written): Gelenian discussed the cell phone use procedure and distributed a letter that will be sent home to parents outlining the new procedure. He also spoke at length about the new schedule and a discussion followed and will be further discussed at the February meeting.

   1) RA Student Representative – John Milnes: Milnes spoke of how Student Government was trying to include the 7th and 8th grades into winter carnival. The Prom Committee has set a date and begun fundraising for the event. Concerns from Student Government were snow covered sidewalks, plowing...
the driveway and parking lot to the high school and the 9:55 a.m. lunch time for grades 10-12 during the seven week winter program.

D. **Principal Report (written):** Keiling reported that she and Principal Holcombe would like to present a joint report in March.

**Action:** Motion was made to approve consent agenda and the minutes of December 7, 2010 as amended. **Approved.**

**VI. Ongoing Business (Deliberation & Possible Action)**

A. **Budget 2011-2012 (updates, if necessary):** Needham reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the school board meeting and is pleased that the FY10 deficit is not as bad as anticipated. The Public Hearing for the budget will be held January 11, 2011 at Westshire Elementary.

B. **Meal Price Increase:** Needham requested a motion regarding a price increase in meals. **Action:** Motion made to increase the price of meals by $0.10 effective January 24, 2011. **Approved.**

C. **Policies Second Reading (Adoption)**
   1) **Class Size:** **Action:** Motion made to adopt the Class Size Policy as written. **Approved.**
   2) **Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention:** **Action:** Motion made to adopt the Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Policy as amended. **Approved.**

**VII. New Business (Receive Information & Possible Action)**

A. **Correspondence:** Smith-Ordway reported on a letter received from Mary Daly regarding the budget and her interest in viewing school revenues.

B. **Announced Tuition for 2011-2012:** Needham will be prepared to report on this at the next meeting.

C. **2011-2012 School Calendar:** Needham distributed a draft of the calendar and the Board will discuss it at the next meeting.

D. **Staff Request:** To be discussed during executive session. **Action:** Motion made to enter into executive session at 9:45 p.m. **Approved.** Executive Session ended at 10:00 p.m.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items (Discussion):** Not discussed.

**IX. Anticipated Executive Session (Discussion & Possible Action):** See above under Staff Request.

**X. Adjournment (Action) - Action:** Motion made to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

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