Members Present: David Gagner, Bruce Lyndes, Jon Lester (Fairlee); Kathy Hooke, Maria Koehler (Vershire); Kevin Dexter (West Fairlee); Marc DeBois, David Ricker (Orford); Kathy Blanchard (at-large)

Members Absent: Cory Austin (West Fairlee) – late 7:06 p.m., Vanessa DeSimone (Orford)

Administration and Staff Present: Elaine Arbour (Superintendent); Keri Gelenian (RA Principal); Julie Donahue (Rivendell Elementary Principal); Tammy MacQueen (Rivendell Elementary Assistant Principal), Jan Cole (Director of Special Education); Carmen Winchester (Teacher)

Public Present: Mark Burger, Chris Crowley, Ashley Isaacs, Brody Isaacs, Mark Blanchard, Sara Day (Orford); Erin Cilley (West Fairlee)

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. 2019-20 Preliminary Proposed Budget: Elaine Arbour briefly reviewed the details of the 2.16% increase of expenditures affecting local taxes from FY19 to FY20 proposed with total appropriation of $10,978,969. She added that these numbers do not include results of negotiations. Arbour reviewed the FY20 Budget Revenue Summary and FY20 Statistics and Tax Rate Estimates. She explained how transportation is currently figured and added that it will be included as a warrant article so voters can make a decision if they want to make a change in how the transportation is calculated going forward. There was discussion about the lunch fund appropriation and how it has been historically underfunded to cover the approximate $60,000 deficit. The Board agreed to add $20,000 to the FY20 proposed budget to the lunch fund appropriation line to help reduce the deficit. There was a question about local funding of the Visions program and if there was a backup plan if the grants do not go through. This would require streamlining of the program. Action: Motion was made to increase the total appropriation of the FY20 budget to $10,998,969 (Dexter/Hooke) Approved.

III. Executive Session – (Discussion), 1 VSA § 313
A. Negotiations, 1 VSA § 313(a)(1)
B. Personnel, 1 VSA § 313(a)(6)
Action: Motion made to move into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. (Gagner/Lyndes) Approved.
Action: Motion was made to come out of Executive Session at 8:46 p.m. (Austin/Ricker) Approved.

IV. Transact any other business that needs to be considered: Action: Motion was made to accept Bruce Lyndes letter of resignation from the Board effective April 1, 2019 (Ricker/Austin) Approved.

V. Adjourn: Action: Motion was made to adjourn (Koehler/Austin) Approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Recorded by:
Brenda Gray
Executive Assistant/HR Manager

Note: All Board votes were unanimous unless noted otherwise.