RIVENDELL INTERSTATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Public Budget Forum
Westshire Elementary School – West Fairlee, VT
January 31, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: David Gagner – late 7:24 p.m., Bruce Lyndes, Jon Lester (Fairlee); Kathy Hooke, Maria Koehler (Vershire); Kevin Dexter, Cory Austin - late 6:41 p.m. (West Fairlee); Marc DeBois, David Ricker, Vanessa DeSimone (Orford); Kathy Blanchard (at-large)

Members Absent:

Administration and Staff Present: Keri Gelenian (RA Principal); Julie Donahue (Rivendell Elementary Principal); Tammy MacQueen (Rivendell Elementary Assistant Principal), Bill Little (Business Manager), Jan Cole (Director of Special Education), Barbara Griffin (Teacher), Amy Kosakowski (Paraprofessional)

Public Present: Mark Burger (Orford), Doug Tifft (Fairlee), Jen Shatney, Irene Otis, Rebecca Wurdak (West Fairlee), Carrie Garrison (Vershire)

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

II. 2019-20 Preliminary Proposed Budget: There was discussion about health insurance premium increases, the VISIONS program funding and staffing, settlement of contract negotiations, legal fees, calculated tax rates and the current status of the lunch table purchase. There was conversation about a potential surplus and the variables of how dollars are being counted differently than in years past.

III. Establish Superintendent Search Committee: Marc DeBois reported that we are still waiting for authorization from the VT Agency of Education to hire a new superintendent and once it is received an advertisement will go out. Action: Motion was made to establish a 10-member superintendent search committee (Ricker/Austin) Approved. The committee will consist of 3 board members (Dave Ricker, Vanessa DeSimone, Kathy Hooke); 1 administrator (Head of Schools, Keri Gelenian), 1 student (chosen by Keri Gelenian), 2 teachers (one elementary, one secondary, REA president will discuss with teachers), 1 Executive Assistant/HR Manager (Brenda Gray), 2 parents (Board Chair and Vice Chair will choose, preferably one from VT and one from NH). Action: Motion was made to allow Brenda Gray to advertise the superintendent position once approval is received from the State of Vermont (Austin/Koehler) Approved.

IV. 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 7:33 p.m. (Blanchard/Lyndes) Approved. Action: Motion was made to come out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. (Austin/Koehler) Approved.

V. Transact any other business that needs to be considered: Action: Motion was made to approve hiring Margaret McLean as an educational consultant to give us in-depth analysis of the atmosphere and culture concerns at the elementary schools (Ricker/Koehler) Approved.

VI. Adjourn: Action: Motion was made to adjourn (Gagner/Austin) Approved.
Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Recorded by:
Brenda Gray
Executive Assistant/HR Manager

Note: All Board votes were unanimous unless noted otherwise.