I. Call Meeting: Meeting was opened at 6:05 p.m.

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

III. General Public Comments: None at this time.

VI. Student/Teacher Presentation & Recognition
   A. Samuel Morey Elementary Roof (Gary Collins)
   G. Collins informed that he has received bids from seven companies and is expecting at least three more by the March 20th deadline. He stated that it is no longer sufficient to patch and repair the SME roof with six leaks in the ECP room, ten in the gym and seven in the center section of the building. At this time the core samples remain dry, therefore, mold is not an issue at this point. Collins suggested we choose two or three of the bids, from reputable companies, to interview. He would like to have the roof over the pre-school done the week of April break, and then the gym. The remainder of the roof will have to be done over the summer break. G. Keiling asked if there were any negative effects in having the replacement done in stages and also would a pitched roof be a better choice. Collins said there is no negative effects as the roof is done in sections already and a pitched roof was not a good idea as the air handling units were designed for a flat roof system. This would require an engineer and an entirely new air handling system. Collins went on to explain that warranties would depend on the bids, but suggested a 25 year warranty as the cost would not be that much more than a 10 year warranty. Collins said that the total cost would be about $175,000, but suggested that the Board come up with a contingency plan if the article doesn’t pass.

   B. High School Schedule (D. Valentine)
   Valentine discussed the high school semester schedule and distributed a copy of what the Academy would look like with such a schedule. She stated that VT DOE and the NH DOE standards require 5.5 instructional hours and RA isn’t offering that with a trimester schedule. Valentine shared a mock schedule the opportunity for more classes and also the chance for electives, that underclassmen are not allowed with the existing schedule. She would like to work with teachers and asked how they would like to teach a class, every day for 90 days or every other day for 180 days; she has not spoken to teachers at length at this time. N. Hall explained the benefits of using the semester schedule with regards to school reporting and assigning classes, the ease with transfer students coming into the district, giving students the opportunity to ear the necessary amount of credits required to graduate and the ease of compiling and reading a student’s transcripts.

   C. Executive Session (Personnel)
   Action: Motion made to go into executive session at 7:23 p.m. Approved.
Board came out of executive session at 8:25 p.m.

V. Consent Agenda (Accept)
A. Minutes (February 10 & 24, 2009): Postpone until next meeting.
B. Finance Committee Report (written): Postpone until next meeting.
C. Head of Schools (Superintendent's) Report (written)
Keiling informed the Board that the key pad for student charges at the lunch counter will begin in April. She also pointed out the article in the Valley News regarding SME science camp with Montshire Museum and Dartmouth students, very positive reporting for the District. **Action**: Motion made to approve the Head of Schools report. **Approved.**

**Action**: Motion made to move the Rivendell Academy to a semester schedule beginning in the school year 2009/2010. **Approved.**

VI. Ongoing Business (Deliberation & Possible Action)
A. Annual District Meeting Warrant
The Board read and signed the Annual District meeting warrant. **Action**: Motion made to approve the Annual District Meeting warrant. **Approved.**

S. Ordway reported to the Board what a wonderful job Penny Randall has done with the Annual Report and wanted to express her thanks for a job well done.

VII. New Business (Receive Information & Possible Action)
A. Correspondence: M. Gladstone presented C. Sobetzer with an award from the Vermont School Board Association acknowledging her nine years of service and hard work for the Rivendell Interstate School District.
B. Preparation for Annual District Meeting
The Board compiled a list of topics that may require further explanation at the Annual Meeting. Ordway will address questions regarding the Samuel Morey roof and refer to Gary Collins as needed, the Orford tax rate and the cost of moving the District Office to the Academy. Tifft will address questions regarding the Australian ballot. Ricker will address questions regarding Technology and refer to Hank Plaisted as needed. Sobetzer will address questions regarding Administrative Costs and Improvement of Instruction.

VIII. Strategic Action Plan
A. Update (G. Keiling)
Keiling reported that a timeline will be presented in April after the Long Range Planning Committee has had the chance to review it. She has a budget information sheet to mail out to community members prior to the Annual Meeting and asked Board members to review, Ordway and Sobetzer will work with Keiling on the mailing.

IX. Future Agenda Items (Discussion)
Job Evaluation for G. Keiling at the April meeting.

X. Adjournment (Action)
**Action**: Motion made to adjourn meeting at 9:20 p.m. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

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District Clerk