Members Present: Marc DeBois (Chair), Cicely Richardson, David Ricker, (Orford); Bruce Lyndes, Mark Avery (Vice Chair), Grover Boutin, (Fairlee); Jennifer Ricker, Kathy Hooke (Vershire), Sarah Rinehimer (West Fairlee); Kathy Blanchard (at-large)

Members Absent: Mike Fanizzi (W. Fairlee)

Administration and Staff Present: Brenda Needham (Superintendent), Keri Gelenian (Head of Schools), Michael Galli (Dean of Students), Tammy MacQueen (Westshire Principal)

Others Present: Josh Marshall, Scott Calhoun (ALC members)

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

II. Agenda Revision/Time Allocation: Student Government Report moved to follow the Athletic Leadership Council presentation.

III. General Public Comments (Listen & Defer Action to Future Mtg.): None.

IV. Presentation
   A. Athletic Leadership Council (ALC): Josh Marshall and Scott Calhoun gave the board an update on the activity of the ALC. They gave the board a copy of the form used to nominate the Student Athlete of the Month. They listed various activities the council has been working on, including the blood drive that will take place on March 12th, the big brother/big sister program between the varsity athletes and the elementary athletes, and a fund raiser to benefit Andrew Paton, whose family’s home burnt. The community service completed by the council averages 25 hours per member. There was no report from Student Government.

V. Consent Agenda (Accept):
   A. Minutes
         Action: Motion made to approve the consent agenda. Approved.

VI. Informational Reports (written):
   A. Superintendent (written): Needham relayed that the budget mailing to residents would reflect a potential change to the tax rate. Needham discussed the Warren School Board meeting that Gelenian, Avery and she had attended March 4th. She stated that it had been a good meeting and Warren was informed that was now a van for Warren students who are part of Rivendell’s afterschool VISIONS program. Gelenian reported that it appears that five of the current Warren tuition students will be at Rivendell next year.
   B. Head of Schools (written): No additions to written report.
   C. Elementary Report (written): No additions to written report.

VII. Ongoing Business (Deliberation & Possible Action):
   A. Strategic Plan Process/Retreat (G. Boutin): Boutin would like to schedule four meetings for April and May and three for June to discuss specific topics. He will create the agenda for the meetings. He also wants to discuss the process at the annual meeting.
   B. Annual District Meeting Planning: Board discussed the roles various Board members would have at the meeting (slide presentations and data to have available in order to provide answers to potential voter).
   C. Rivendell Academy Education Support Team (K. Gelenian): Gelenian had a PowerPoint presentation on EST and how it pertains to struggling students. He discussed the challenges for Rivendell and how to support students at all levels within the classroom.
The EST team has created a one page info sheet that addresses each student’s needs and struggles and should be easily updated as things change, as well as available to the team working with a student. This system will also allow teachers to read the history of a student as the student transitions into the teacher’s class.

VIII. New Business (receive Information and Possible Action):
   A. NECAP Data: The data was part of the Board packet. Vocabulary and analytical abilities are two areas that need work, but overall, compared to Vermont state averages, Rivendell did well. The scores of the 11th grade were some of the best in the state.
   B. Correspondence: Avery received a letter from a parent of a SME 2nd grader complaining of the numbers of students in that classroom, who he referred to G. Keiling. Richardson spoke with a parent of two Academy students who are very happy.

IX. Future Agenda Items (Discussion):
   Orford Academy Building Task Force, Crisis Response, Community Outreach, Grants, Global Language for 6th grade, Policies to be Revised (ongoing), Student Presentations, Department Reports, Recruiting Process, Building Use Policy (revisit in May 2014)

X. Anticipated Executive Session (Discussion), 1 VSA 313 – the Board entered Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.
   A. Negotiations/Personnel
      Action: Motion made to enter Executive Session. Approved. Board came out of Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.

XI. Adjournment (Action)
   Action: Motion made to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Approved.

Recorded by:

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District Clerk/Treasurer