Rivendell Interstate School District – Board Meeting Minutes  
Rivendell Academy – Orford, NH  
March 25, 2008

Members Present: Mel Emerson, Juliette Bianco, Carol Sobetzer (Orford); Margaret Gladstone, Sandra Smith-Ordway, Allen Avery (Fairlee); Doug Tifft (at large); Beverly Ash, Heather Fahy (West Fairlee); Harry Black (Vershire)

Administrators and Staff Present: Noelle Vitt, Head of Schools (Superintendent); Gail Keiling, SME Principal (6:00-6:30 p.m.); Paul Fassler, Head of MS (6:30-7:05 p.m.)

Others Present: None.

I. Call Meeting: Margaret Gladstone called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Executive Session for Personnel: Board went into executive session at 6:02. Board came out of executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Action: Motion made to approve by acclamation the recommended contract renewals and non-renewals for 2008-09. However, Joy Michelson’s name was on the list and due to her resignation should be removed. Approved.

Action: Motion made to approve the recommended hire of Richard Steckler for Science Teacher at Rivendell Academy for 2008-09. Approved.

Action: Motion made to approve Barbara Griffin’s requested leave of absence of .5 for classroom teaching for 2008-09. Approved.

Action: Having accepted the resignation of Paul Fassler, motion was made to approve the advertisement for a newly created combined leadership position of Middle School Head .7 FTE and Associate Director of Curriculum .3 FTE. Approved.

Action: Motion made to approve recommended new position of full time mathematics teacher for Rivendell Academy (principally at the high school level). Approved.

Action: Motion made to approve “Statement of the Board” relative to the newly created Middle School Head/Associate Director of Curriculum position. Approved.

Action: Motion made to direct Gail Keiling to form an interview committee for the new Middle School Head/Associate Director of Curriculum position. Approved. Board members to serve on this committee will be Margaret Gladstone and Doug Tifft. Recommended faculty members are Wendy Bergren and Kevin Cotter. Parents recommended are Marshall Ivy and Dawn Stever.

III. Transact Any Other Business That Needs to be Considered: Noelle reported that the responses to the corrections required by the independent auditors were written and sent to both the independent auditors and the three local auditors. NH and VT Commissioners will receive Corrective Action Plan. Noelle also reported that she and Bob Sampson have developed a staffing plan with course rotations that allows for a combined middle school/high school art position. This will be re-advertised as such.

IV. Adjourn: Action: Motion was made to adjourn. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 9.05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle G. Vitt  
Recorder