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

Others Present: None

I. Call Meeting: Carol Sobetzer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Discussion on Format for Strategic Planning Interviews: Carol asked if Doug had enough information to go ahead with planning for the strategic planning interviews. Doug handed out a list of possible questions and stated that he will be doing the introductions and to make sure that things flow on time. Juliette stated that she would bring the people into the classroom at the back of the library and when it was close to the end of their time she would go and welcome the next group and take them into the library to wait for their turn. People have been asked to send us information and Doug will make sure that Board members are able to review that information. Juliette will bring water for everyone.

A concern was expressed that Juliette would miss some of the presentation so it was suggested that we have students help with the welcoming and bringing people to the library to wait. Carol will talk with Penny Mitchell about having two student representatives do this for us.

Sandra mentioned that Jim Bonney of Educators’ Collaborative indicated that they were not interested in being considered for the strategic planning process, however, they would be happy to give us advice on what to look for or questions to ask when we do the interviews. Sandra will talk with them before the interviews.

Doug has certain community members he will get in touch with to make sure they are aware of the date, time and place of the interviews.

Action: Motion made to go into executive session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Approved. Board came out of executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Action: Motion made to have the Board arrange a meeting with Noelle Vitt, Head of Schools (Superintendent), for the purpose of discussing the upcoming transition this year before she leaves the District. Approved.

Action: Motion made to have Mel Emerson be Trevor Law’s mentor on the School Board. Approved.

Doug offered to ask Joy Michelson to talk to the faculty about having someone at the strategic planning interviews. Doug will also invite Gail Keiling to be the administrative representative at the interviews.

III. Transact any other business that needs to be considered: None.

IV. Adjourn – Action: Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sobetzer
Recorder