I. Call to Order: Brenda Needham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Board Reorganization: Needham asked for nominations for Chair. Sandra Smith-Ordway was nominated. ACTION: Motion made to elect Sandra Smith-Ordway as Chair. Approved. Smith-Ordway asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Marc DeBois was nominated. ACTION: Motion made to elect Marc DeBois as Vice Chair. Approved.

III. Agenda Revision/Time Allocation: Needham asked for a brief Executive Session prior to the approval of Teacher Contracts

IV. General Public Comments: None.

V. Consent Agenda (accept)
   A. Minutes (March 6 & 12, 2012) – Changes noted.
   B. Superintendent Report (written) – Needham noted that Gary Collins is now certified as a Playground inspector. She met with the CSO to discuss the installation of announcement signs at the two elementary schools – need approval from Fairlee as the proposed sign would be on the Library’s land. Richardson asked about the CES contact - Needham will get more information and report at the next Board meeting. Avery asked about the website. Needham responded that Gabi Martino will be working on it soon.
   C. Head of Schools Report (written) – Richardson asked if there was better attendance at the parent conferences – Gelenian responded that the attendance was not much higher, but felt parents and students meeting with all their teachers was a better process. Gelenian handed out the 2012-13 first semester course outline. Discussion followed around the math courses being offered.
      1) RA Student Representative – No student representative was at the meeting, however, Galli reported on the “Ghost Out” held at the Academy.
   D. Principal Reports (written) – No additions.

ACTION: Motion made to approve consent agenda with changes to minutes. Approved.

VI. Ongoing Business
   A. 2012-2013 Calendar Revision

ACTION: Motion made to approve the calendar as presented. Approved.
B. Annual Meeting Review – General discussion – most felt the meeting went well and the PowerPoint presentation by Lyndes helped those in attendance better understand the challenges of a school district in two states. Discussion followed around tuition students and how we can attract more to Rivendell. The time of the meeting was discussed – possible put together a panel to explore the best time to hold the meeting – will discuss on next month’s agenda as Richardson thinks the Articles of Agreement spell out the process to change the date and/or time of the annual meeting. Needham will pull information for May’s meeting.

1) Auditor Appointment – Hold for May’s Board meeting.

C. Committee Updates – Will need a Finance Chair as Kathy Hooke will be leaving.

VII. New Business
ACTION: Motion made to go into Executive session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss Teacher renewals. Approved. Board came out of Executive session at 8:11 p.m.
A. Approve Teacher Contract Renewals for 2012-2013
ACTION: Motion made to approve the 2012-2013 Teacher Contract Renewals as presented by Superintendent. Approved
B. Board Dates and Location for the Remainder of 2011-2012 – May meeting will be held at Westshire Elementary and the June meeting will be held at Rivendell Academy.
C. Board Committees Regrouping – No updates.
D. Overnight Trip Requests – Senior class Trip to New York City.
ACTION: Motion made to approve the Senior Class Trip to New York City. Approved.
E. Odyssey of the Mind Nationals (Financial Support Request – written) – After some discussion, the Board agreed to contribute $1,500.
ACTION: Motion made to approve a $1,500 contribution to Odyssey of the Mind. Approved.
F. Strategic Plan – Next Steps – Discussion to work on communication and community involvement – calendar mailings of upcoming events and updating the website.
G. Correspondence – Board received a letter of resignation from Emily Howard effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Her resignation was accepted with deep regret. Smith-Ordway received a letter from Jim Harris (Fairlee) restating his concerns made at the Annual Meeting.

VIII. Future Agenda Items
Foreign Exchange Students report (May); Professional Development In-service (May); Long Range Plans to Address Flux in Population, Community Outreach, Grants, Global Language for 6th grade, Policies to be Revised, Student Presentations, Department Reports, Board Goals, NEAS&C, 4 Year Science Progression

IX. Anticipated Executive Session – Action: Motion made to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss Student issue and regarding Negotiations. Approved.
A. Student Issue
B. Negotiations (Educational Support Personnel & DO/Administrators)
Board came out of Executive Session at 10:18 p.m.

X. Adjournment: Action – Motion made to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Recorded by:

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