Members Present: Juliette Bianco, Brenda Gray, Carol Sobetzer (Orford); Margaret Gladstone, Sandra Smith-Ordway, Doug Tifft (Fairlee); Heather Fahy (West Fairlee); Beverly Ash (West Fairlee); Jennifer Ricker (Vershire)

Administrators and Staff Present: Noelle Vitt, Head of Schools (Superintendent); Gail Keiling, SME Principal

Others Present: Dan and Moriah Ludwig, Eric and Christian Parenti, Alex and Martha Ussler, Mel and Sam Emerson, Mike and Ryan Landgraf; Kathy Eastburn

I. Call Meeting: Carol Sobetzer called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

II. Lego Kids Presentation: The 4th and 5th grade Samuel Morey Elementary students presented on their Lego Robot Competition Day at the Dartmouth Thayer School of Engineering. It is hoped that the elementary and middle schools could field teams in the future.

III. Local Common Assessment Plan (Lyn Haas): Lyn Parker Haas returned to the School Board to present the final version of the Local Common Assessment Plan based on work completed by the professional staff in 2007-08. There were many questions about the process and requirements for various assessments. Lyn took feedback from the Board and will make edits. The final copy of the LCAP will be sent back to the District.

IV. Personnel
   A. Head of High School Position: The Board discussed the resignation of Robert Sampson and agreed to invite him to the June 2nd meeting of the Board. Specific questions were generated for Bob to address. The Board felt that Bob was positive about his Rivendell experience. The Board agreed with Gail Keiling that advertising immediately for the Head of High School made sense. If the applicant pool is weak, then a consultant for a search may be considered.
   
   B. Teacher Hiring: Gail gave an update on the interviewing schedule for teacher hires. Action: A motion was made that the Board authorizes the present and incoming Head of Schools (Superintendent) to make preliminary teacher hires during the summer months commencing June 3, subject to the Board’s Executive Committee approval. Approved.

V. Transact Any Other Business That Needs To Be Considered:
   The Board acknowledged Kathy Eastburn. Kathy asked why tables instead of desks were used in elementary classrooms. Gail indicated her willingness to meet with Mrs. Eastburn. Gail and Noelle reported that during the research phase of the District, there was a uniform decision to the “table” configuration on a general basis. Gail will later provide for the Board the research and rationale for this.
   
   Action: Motion was made to go into Executive Session for Personnel. Approved. Board went into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Board came out of Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

VI. Adjourn - Action: Motion was made to adjourn. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle G. Vitt
Recorder