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

II. Agenda Revision/Time Allocation: Needham announced that Gail Keefer could not attend, so she will report on Global Language.

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

IV. Presentation
   A. Global Language for 6th Grade (G. Keefer): Needham reported that there is no formal proposal yet, but Keefer has been looking at ways to broaden language opportunities at the Academy and recommended the Middlebury Interactive Initiative, an online, open-access program. Keefer, Gelenian and Gary Ackerman (RA Digital Project Leader) checked it out and Needham approved the expenditure of $6,000 to pilot the program at RA, with Keefer supervising. As for the elementary schools, the cost for the same program would be $4,000 for each school and they decided to start it at the Academy. She said they may consider introducing a language through VISIONS. Lyndes asked how this would affect staffing. Needham replied that there should be no effect as the initiative would be a supplementary offering of other languages (ie: German, Chinese, etc.) and would not reduce staffing. As for credits, Rivendell will issue the credits which must meet Rivendell standards. Hooke stated that groups of Mountain School students had introduced languages at Westshire and asked about similar connections between Dartmouth and Samuel Morey. Needham said the administration was working at finding a way to offer languages in the elementary schools. Blanchard said the District needs to pursue early language introduction for younger kids as the elementary grades are a critical language time.

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

VI. Informational Reports (written):
   A. Superintendent (written): Needham announced three new hires: Gary Ackerman (RA Digital Project Leader), Kolin Kepler (RA Social Studies Teacher) and Kristina Otis (Westshire Physical Education Teacher - .4 FTE). Referring to Needham’s written report, the Board applauded Paulson for a successful audit with no findings and no non-compliance.
   B. Head of Schools (written): Gelenian answered a few questions and reported that no parents had showed up for the parent information meeting that day. Also, that more tuition students are choosing RA, including one student who is moving back from
Chelsea, one Warren student transferring from Haverhill, three students from Piermont and one student from Waits River Valley.

C. Elementary (written): No comments or questions.

VII. Ongoing Business (Deliberation & Possible Action):
A. Financials: An email with questions from Richardson and answers by Paulson will be sent to the full Board. Paulson said he was cautious about making assumptions about total expenditures and revenue at the end of May because June always brings changes.

B. Auditor Position Appointment: Needham reported that the position is still vacant and asked the Board to think of other people (from Vermont as the other two auditors are from New Hampshire).


VIII. New Business (receive Information and Possible Action):
A. RA Overnight Trip Request: Gelenian relayed Nicki Barsamian’s request to take two of her students who are painting a mural at Glencliff Home to New York to view large scale art and murals. They will be staying with friends of hers for one night.

Action: Motion made to approve the overnight trip. Approved.

B. Board Meeting Dates for 2014-15: Generally the first Tuesday of every month, but was amended as follows: No meeting in July, Board retreat including a brief business meeting in August (date to be decided), Nov. 11 (not Nov. 4 which is Election Day); in 2015: March 4 (not March 3 which is Vermont Town Meeting Day). Board members to email Perryman with available and unavailable dates for the August retreat. The focus of the retreat will be update of the strategic plan.

Action: Motion made to approve the 2014-15 calendar as amended. Approved.

C. Policy Review
   2) Community Use of Facilities, Code H3: Review: Needham reported that there have been no problems since this policy was revised. She will continue to watch facilities use and report again in six months.

D. Correspondence: Marc DeBois received one email to be read in executive session.

IX. Future Agenda Items (Discussion):
   Crisis Response, Youth Risk Survey (Sept.), Orford Academy Building Task Force, Community Outreach, Grants, Policies to be Revised (ongoing), Student Presentations, Department Reports, Recruiting Process, Reflections on Multi-age Classrooms (Sept. or Oct.)

X. Anticipated Executive Session (Discussion), 1 VSA 313:
   Action: Motion made to go into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Approved.

   A. Personnel
      Board came out of Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. No further actions taken.

XI. Adjournment (Action)
   Action: Motion made to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Approved.

Recorded by:

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