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

II. Agenda Revision/Time Allocation: None

III. General Public Comments (Listen & Defer Action to Future Mtg): Samantha Harris, a SME parent, said that she had been asked to be the spokesperson from the group of SME third grade parents in attendance, and that she would like to read their prepared written statement and request that they be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Chair DeBois said she could read the statement which was a request to split the SME 3rd grade students into two smaller classes for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. (A copy of statement is on file at District Office.) Needham thanked group for attending and sharing and stated that the administrators will continue to look at this issue. Chair DeBois thanked them for coming, stated that the Board respected their perspective, and the next Board meeting was in August. Discussion ensued around August being too late to address this, maybe have a Special Board meeting in July or have school based meeting with parents. Decision was made to hold a parent meeting as soon as possible at SME and parent group stated they hoped Board would be in attendance.

IV. Presentation

A. Southwest National Parks Student Trip (K. Browne): K. Browne gave a brief slide presentation on the April 2013 trip, showing where they went (Zion & Mohave National Preserve, Joshua Tree National Park), who the students and chaperones were, a day by day description with weather (sun, rain & snow) and that everyone came back and had a wonderful trip.

B. RA Athletic Leadership Council (ALC): Thatcher thanked the Board for letting them present and gave some background on starting a Athletic Leadership Council. Gelenian had approved it if students were interested and the students voted to go forward with it. Thatcher stated that other RA staff members were involved: Galli (advisor and liaison between student government, staff/faculty and ALC); Lester (prospective of PE Teacher, coach and RA alumni); Newsted (perspective of RA teacher and coach); Barsamian (as spirit coordinator and public relations – perspective of RA teacher). ALC each introduced themselves, said reasons they through ALC would be helpful to students/school and showed a brief slide show. A handout of the ALC’s mission statement, goal, requirements, meetings, etc. was also distributed. They plan to present at a student assembly and then membership drive will start. ALC then answered a few question from Board mostly about membership (i.e., includes all sports, membership open to Sophomores through Seniors, still looking at academic grades and an attendance rule). Regarding a question about difference of Student Government and ALC. Student Government President Moreland stated that Student Government supported the ALC proposal and thought it would work well, would help split responsibilities when it’s academics and sports. Lyndes suggested that a student of week would be a good thing to incorporate and
put in local newspapers. MacQueen/Keiling, who have known them when they were younger, both commended the students on their presentation and speaking skills, and how proud they were of all of them.

V. Consent Agenda (Accept):
   A. Minutes
      1. Board – May 7, 2013 & May 21, 2013
         Action: Motion made to approve the consent agenda. Approved.

VI. Informational Reports (written):
   A. Head of Schools Report (written): Board was pleased about public speaking being offered next year. Gelenian said M. Galli and he were spending a lot of time in classrooms working with teachers. Gelenian reported he believes there will be at least four tuition students coming next year from Warren. Piermont nothing this year but think may have some for next year. Boutin asked how does a Board member visit a class in the school – Needham said this would need to be talked about in executive session regarding FERPA rules.
      1) Student Representative (written): Moreland had no written report but stated they were wrapping up the year and spoke about Spring Fling with community service in the morning (on campus, Orford mall walk work, Glencliff and car wash free for community), then afternoon yearbooks distributed and lunch/play time (such as dunk tanks, Frisbee, ping pong, etc.) Working on back up plans in case of rain. Also, putting out lunch survey to student body on various meals they would like to see next year which they will give to Food Service Director.
   B. Elementary Reports (written): MacQueen reported Westshire had jobs on the move and were in Valley News on the front page. Also that SummerScapes had 75 students signed up so far and applications were still coming in. Keiling reported she shared at Leadership Team today that Rivendell should be very proud of the Raptor Run which has become a wonderful community event – over 300 participants – with many teachers and staff volunteering.
   C. Superintendent (written): Needham stated that the Vermont State review of IDEA had verified that IDEA is being implemented correctly, with 100% in all categories and she offered her thanks to J. Cole, Special Education Director. She stated there were some new hires under New Business and distributed some resumes. Also, that there were bond ($75,000/year savings) and asbestos project loan papers to be signed by Board tonight that CFO Paulson had sent and would require Board adoption. Needham stated there will be some paraprofessional reductions, changes in some location assignments and part-time FTEs for 2013-14. She also reported she is doing exit interviews with teachers leaving.

VII. Ongoing Business (Deliberation & Possible Action)
   A. Old Orford Academy Building: DeBois stated that the presentation on May 21st by Twin Pine Housing left the Board with a lot of uncertainty and further discussion was needed. Discussion ensued on what to do with the building, lack of a feasibility study, a study/review that was done in 2008 that may be helpful to look at, how much a feasibility study would cost, taking it to community of Orford, asking Orford to put money into it, whether the building could create revenue and become an asset, etc. Terry Martin, Old Orford Academy Building Task Force, with experience in banking business, said the engineering survey was good, it showed the building structure is secure, but a market feasibility study should be done that addresses what market needs and what building can provide. He recommends personally that a feasibility study should be done. DeBois asked what Board wants to do and discussion began on how to go to constituents and request spending money on something that isn’t an educational asset and that time and money has already been spent on. Richardson gave some history on why Rivendell had taken the building which served as the high school for the first year or two. Needham said another task force meeting was coming up. Board would like Task Force to look into feasibility study cost and get bids.
   B. Board Position (West Fairlee Rep) Appointment: Nothing new, however, MacQueen stated she will put in Westshire newsletter.
   C. Strategic Plan Process/Retreat: Needham reported that Ray Proulx is unable to facilitate the Retreat this year and she will have Penny Perryman contact VSBA regarding a possible facilitator if Board wants her to. Board agreed. Also, she reported that Leadership Team is planning a retreat.
VIII. New Business (Receive Information & Possible Action)

A. **Board Meeting Dates for 2013-2014**: Board reviewed dates as presented (1st Tuesday of each month), but decided to have no July meeting and hold a special meeting, if needed. **Action**: Motion made to approve Board 2013-14 as presented, except changing the March meeting to March 5, 2014 and no meeting in July. **Approved**.

B. **End of Year**: Needham recommended three applicants for hire – Laura Erickson, Elementary Teacher, WES; Heidi Nichols, ECP Teacher, WES; and Cynthia McLaren, School Counselor, RA. **Action**: Motion made to approve as presented. **Approved**. Board gave Brenda authorization to hire during July and bring to August Board meeting.

C. **Asbestos Abatement Resolution (Government Certificate)**: **Action**: Motion made to approve/adopt Asbestos Abatement Resolution (Government Certificate) and 2013 Series 1 VT Municipal Bond Sale documents. **Approved**.

D. **Correspondence**: Board received invitations to Baccalaureate Service on June 9th at Fairlee Community Church of Christ and to Commencement Exercises on June 15th in the RA Gym.

IX. Future Agenda Items (Discussion)

Strategic Plan Process (on-going), Community Outreach, Grants, Global Language for 6th grade, Policies to be Revised (ongoing), Student Presentations, Department Reports, Individualized Student Needs, Recruiting Process, Academy Building

X. Anticipated Executive Session:

Needham stated that she also needed to include a student issue in the Executive Session. **Action**: Motion made to enter Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. **Approved**.

A. **Negotiations**

Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

XI. Adjournment (Action): **Action** – Motion made to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. **Approved**.

Recorded by:

Penny Perryman