I. Call Meeting:
Meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m.

II. Agenda Revision/Time Allocation:
None at this time.

III. General Public Comments:
None at this time.

IV. Presentation/Guests
A. Orford Academy Building Task Force: Duncan-Cooley distributed copy of the Task Force charge that had been tailored by G. Keiling, C. Sobetzer, and the Task Force. She stated that the Task Force wanted to be more actively involved and expand the scope of funds available and research the economic viability of uses for the building. She and Schmidt said that the Task Force would like a School Board member from each state involved and to attend their once a month meetings. Vanessa DeSimone stated her interest and Carol Sobetzer will contact Duncan-Cooley with a Board representative from Vermont.

Action: Motion made to adopt the revised list of charges for the Orford Academy Building Task Force. Approved.

V. Consent Agenda (Accept)
A. Minutes (July 13, 2010)
B. Interim Superintendent Report (written): Keiling discussed the set-up for 6th grade at Samuel Morey and 5th grade at Westshire. Needham thanked everyone for being so welcoming and helpful and has begun to familiarize herself with the handbook and the workings of the office.
C. Head of Schools Report (written): Gelenian discussed his written report.
D. Principal Reports: Gelenian stated that students who have not picked up the book required for summer reading will have it mailed to them. He also spoke about senior advisors, senior project, summer scapes, SAT scores, and AP classes.

Action: Motion made to approve the consent agenda, with corrections to the July 13, 2010 meeting minutes. Approved.

VI. Ongoing Business (Deliberation & Possible Action)
A. Rivendell Academy
1) Schedule: Gelenian explained the 7th and 8th grade schedule, math and English every day, social studies and science every other day in the mornings
and electives in the afternoon. Gelenian reviewed the 9th through 12th grade schedule, which he said was still being worked on and updated.

2) **Room Placement:** Room placement is complete and Gelenian felt that it would be beneficial to schedule a tour during the next Board meeting.

3) **Program of Studies:** Gelenian reported that the changes have gone to the printer. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the process of approval of Program of Studies and how best to proceed.

**Action:** Motion made to approve the Program of Study changes presented by Bridget Fariel, Dean of Studies, at the July 13, 2010 meeting. **Approved.**

**B. New Hires: Action:** Motion made to hire Emily Risbridger as an elementary teacher (second grade) at Samuel Morey Elementary School. **Approved.**

**Action:** Motion made to hire Brynne MacMurtry as the Special Education (Life Skills) teacher at Rivendell Academy. **Approved.**

**Action:** Motion made to hire Dana Jacobson-Goodhue as the social studies teacher at Rivendell Academy. **Approved.**

**VII. New Business (Receive Information & Possible Action)**

A. **Correspondence:** None at this time. Kathy Hooke was asked by a community member if the meeting minutes could be posted in a timely basis.

B. **Academy Student/Parent Handbook: Action:** Motion made to approve the Academy Student/Parent Handbook with changes to the language to reflect 7-12 Academy and that teachers, students and parents would review the handbook this year. **Approved.**

C. **Meet & Greet the Board Event:** Sobetzer asked that the Board be prepared to plan this event at the retreat.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items (Discussion)**

A. Election Procedures
B. Elementary Principals
C. TIPS Program
D. Sixth Grade at Samuel Morey Elementary School
E. Technology – Board Email & Rivendell Google Group
F. SummerScapes
G. Memorandum of Understanding with Orford Police Chief
H. Tour of Rivendell Academy
I. Rivendell Academy Final Exams
J. Partnership with Montshire

**IX. Anticipated Executive Session (Discussion & Possible Action):** Not needed.

**X. Adjournment (Action): Action:** Motion made to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

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