I. Call Meeting: Carol Sobetzer called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

II. Approve Board Minutes of July 10, 2007: Action: Motion was made to approve the minutes of July 10, 2007. Approved.

III. Public Input: None

IV. Communications and Reports: A. Report of the Chair: Carol proposed some extra board meetings. She mentioned wanting to be sure that the Board “had a handle” on all of the ongoing work that Noelle has been involved with; Noelle will prepare a document for the Board. Carol reported on two AFS exchange students that Cami Buster is having difficulty placing with families in the District. One family from Warren agreed to host, but according to policy this is not allowed. B. Report of Head of Schools: Written report in Board packet. Noelle met with the Town of Fairlee to explain the tax rate. She suggested that the Finance Committee might consider reprinting the front of the financial page with correction. Noelle met with the Administrative Team. She reported that the preschool is filling quickly at Samuel Morey Elementary and there are three grant applications pending. Westshire Elementary School has returned to a boil notice. The District has traded for two vans. Middle School Guidance position remains open with one interview pending. 1) Report from Academy: Some discussion about details of advisor expectations and/or guidance. Discussion about distribution of Academic Concerns Notices. The Board requested to have Paul Fassler and Bob Sampson attend September meeting to better explain the Advisory/Lab proposal in high school and middle school. C. Reports of the Committee Chairs: 1) Long Range Planning: Written minutes in Board packet. Board retreat scheduled for August 28. On September 10 Long Range Planning Committee will meet with the Finance Committee. Later in the month there will be a public meeting held in the evening, possibly on September 20. Doug outlined the proposed strategic planning schedule. It was suggested that Ray speak to the administrators prior to the retreat regarding their ideas about future structure.

V. Business Requiring Discussion & Action: A. Personnel 1) Teacher Hires: Motion: Action was made to move personnel to after E. Executive Session. Approved. B. RA Student/Parent Handbook: Brief discussion regarding retention/summer school, specifically middle school. Include some ramifications for the student (i.e.: no class trip, cannot march). Other changes to be included: Under dress code 2.) include undergarments; PM River Bend bus correction. Article under school suspension should include, students may not attend or participate in school related activities. Action: Motion was made to make changes as discussed to the RA Student/Parent Handbook and that Paul and Bob attend a meeting to discuss retention/class advancement and discipline. Approved. C. Charge for Long Range Planning Committee: Doug distributed a draft charge and there was some discussion. Include: Request enrollment
projections from NESDEC and local sources. **Action:** Motion was made to approve the charge for Long Range Planning Committee with the addition of requesting projections from NESDEC and local sources. **Approved.**

**D. Board Meeting Schedule – additional meetings 9/18 and 10/16:** **Action:** Motion was made to add additional Board meetings to the schedule on September 18, 2007 and October 16 2007. **Approved.**

**E. Executive Session, as needed:** **Action:** Motion was made to move to executive session at 8:00 p.m. **Approved.**

**VI. Business Requiring Discussion Only:**

**A. Future Agenda Items:**

1) **Policies**
   a) Second Readings – Admission of Non-Resident Tuition Students, Code F20; Curriculum Development, Code G1; Tobacco Prohibition, Code E1-Revision
   b) Revisions: Participation of Home Study Students in School Programs

2) **Topics:**
   a) Strategic Planning Schedule
   b) Advisory/Lab Proposal, Retention/Class Advancement and Discipline (R. Sampson/P. Fassler)
   c) Assessment Consultant – Lyn Parker Haas
   d) Montshire Museum –David Goudy

Board came out of Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.

**Action:** Motion was made to hire Edward Gaine for 6th grade math/science, Chris Cassell for 2nd grade SME, Christopher White 7/8 math, Katie Huling for 1st grade Westshire Elementary and Karen Bolster, contingent on Noelle’s interview, for MS guidance. **Approved.**

**Action:** Motion was made to hire Elwyn Brooks for 7/8 girls soccer coach and Lawrence Hibbard for 7/8 boys soccer coach. There was discussion about assistant coach volunteers and evaluation/feedback to coaches. **Approved.**

**Action:** Motion was made to approve the job description of Assistant Principal at Westshire Elementary. **Approved.**

There was additional discussion about the AFS exchange students. Carol will let Cami Buster know she needs to adhere to the policy as it stands and bring a proposal to the Head of High School. The host family must reside within one of the four district towns, as stated by the policy.

**VII. Adjourn:** **Action:** Motion was made to adjourn. **Approved.** The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Gray
District Clerk/Treasurer