I. Call Meeting: Meeting was opened at 6:32 p.m.

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

III. General Public Comments: None at this time.

IV. Presentation/Guests
   A. Rivendell Academy Students Presentation
      Shawn Farnham, Ariana Murphy and Dorothy Hebb representing their National Issues &
      Public Policy class presented a change to their world through a challenge by K. Gelenian.
      Their suggested change was to remove the sculpture as it does not reflect the strength of a
      raptor. The students shared a survey and Anna Alden gave a brief history as to how the
      sculpture came to be. B. Lyndes applauded the students for their work and suggested
      they continue the process and include public opinion. B. Needham felt the Board should
      discuss this at a future meeting in a broader sense and how to implement such a move.

V. Consent Agenda (Accept)
   A. Minutes (August 3 & August 10, 2010)
   B. Superintendent Report (written)
      1. Memorandum of Agreement with Orford Police
      2. Future Reduction in Bond Payment
         Needham pointed out that the Memorandum of Agreement with Orford Police was
         signed, the school bond was refinanced at a lower rate at a savings of $222,947 and that
         the Truancy Policy (under New Business) was mandatory for Vermont and that the New
         Hampshire requirements were addressed through the Attendance Policy.
   C. Head of Schools Report (written): Gelenian reported that the Senior Project
      Handbook has been revised and steps are being taken to update the Senior Project
      Rubrics.
   D. Principals Report (written): Holcombe reported that Westshire is off to a good
      start and that the problems with the buses have been resolved. Keiling reported that
      Samuel Morey is also off to a good start and the 6th grade at the school is working
      very well.
Action: Motion made to move approve the minutes of August 3 and August 10, 2010 with corrections. Approved.

VI. Ongoing Business (Deliberation & Possible Action)
   A. Hartford Tech Transportation:
      L. Amanatidis summarized the first few weeks of transportation problems and stated that the problem and confusion was due to a lack of communication. The e-mail received August 2nd was vague and did not state specifically how the students would be transported from Thetford Academy back to Rivendell Academy. Keiling, Needham and the Board apologized for the miscommunication and the Board will ask administration to clarify the transportation agreement in writing.

Action: Motion made to allow Sandra Smith-Ordway to conduct the remainder of the meeting. Approved.

   B. Roles and Responsibilities:
      Needham wanted the Board to be aware of the roles and responsibilities and what they are responsible for and that the process may continue to be on the agenda. There was a brief discussion on proper protocol if a parent has an issue regarding the school.

   C. Board Goals:
      Smith-Ordway asked the Board to review the goals that were compiled during the retreat and e-mail her or Carol before the next meeting.

Action: Motion made to move VII. C. International Exchange Students to be heard next. Approved.

VII. New Business (Receive Information & Possible Action)
   C. International Exchange Students
      Marguerite Beaudoin from ISE spoke to the Board about three students she was requesting to come to Rivendell Academy. She distributed a handout to the Board and reviewed the ISE expectations. The Board explained that this request was past the time stated in their policy which also specifies two students. After a discussion where Gelenian stated the school would be able to accommodate the students and the Board felt that this would be beneficial to the exchange students as well as the school a motion was made.

Action: Motion made to make an exception to the policy for exchange students and bring the three students into Rivendell Academy as non-tuition students in a timely manner. This is contingent upon the review of the information from the International Student Exchange by Principal Gelenian. Approved.

   A. Correspondence: Letter to Gelenian regarding NEASC accreditation progress report due October 1, 2011. Letter to the School Board Association regarding legislative information.

   B. First Reading – F29, Truancy: Orange County Policy
      After a brief discussion, the only unanswered question was who would be appointed as truancy officer. Needham will identify the proper person by the next meeting.

Action: Motion made to accept the first reading of the truancy policy. Approved.

Action: Motion made that the School Board authorizes both the Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer (Business Administrator) to sign NH OBM Forms 1, 3 and 4. Approved.

VIII. Future Agenda Items (Discussion)
Needham would like to have student presentation at each Board meeting.

A. Election Procedures: The Board asked for specifics regarding election procedures and Needham stated they could get the proper information from Penny Randall.

B. Elementary Principals
C. TIPS Program
D. Sixth Grade at Samuel Morey Elementary School
E. Technology – Board Email & Rivendell Google Group
F. SummerScapes
G. VoTech Student Numbers
H. Meet Teachers
I. See Schools in Operation

IX. Anticipated Executive Session (Discussion & Possible Action)

Action: Motion made at 9:05 p.m. to enter into executive session. Approved.

Executive session ended at 9:25 p.m.

Action: Motion made to authorize a one-time $500 stipend for Kirsten Surprenant for continued NEASC work, dependent on written expectations and outcomes developed by Head of Schools/RA Principal and Superintendent. Approved.

X. Adjournment (Action): Motion made to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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District Clerk/Treasurer