I. Call Meeting:
Meeting was opened at 6:34 p.m.

II. Agenda Revision/Time Allocation:
Action: Motion was made to move item VII. A. 2009 Community Connect Broadband Grant Program before item IV. Student/Teacher Presentation & Recognition. Approved.

III. General Public Comments
D. Valentine asked two students to attend the meeting as potential student’s representatives. Nicholas Ludwig class of 2010 and Brittany Lewis class of 2011.

IV. New Business
A. 2009 Community Connect Broadband Grant Program: John Benjamin, a member of the FairBAND Committee, gave a brief history of the committee and the need for high speed internet service to rural communities. He explained grants, eligibility, contingencies and benefits of fiber optic service. A requirement of the grant to extend fiber optic cable to West Fairlee and rest of the community is needed space for ten computers that can be made available to the public during non-working hours. Benjamin explained that the grant money would cover make ready work needed to the offered space, upkeep of the equipment and staffing for the space for a two year period and at the end of the two years the equipment would become the property to those who provided the space. He asked if the Board would agree to participate and donate space for a two year period. G. Keiling felt this was a good opportunity, but continues to have many questions and would like to meet with Benjamin to discuss the issues. Action: Motion was made to support the effort to offer space once all questions have been answered and criteria met. Approved.

V. Student/Teacher Presentation & Recognition
A. NEASC (K. Surprenant): K. Surprenant distributed a report to the Board and gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the NEASC visit. She briefly outlined accreditation timeline, actions that can be taken by NEASC, follow-up process on the reports, commendations, curriculum, instruction, assessment, leadership and organization, school resources for learning and community resources for learning. Surprenant stated that once the Board has had a chance to review the report in depth she is willing to return and answer any questions they may have. G. Keiling thanked Surprenant and the teachers involved with this process for their leadership and commitment to Rivendell.

VI. Consent Agenda (Accept)
A. Minutes (September 1, 2009)
B. Head of Schools (Superintendent’s Report - written)
C. Long Range Planning Committee Minutes
D. Finance Committee Minutes
E. Negotiations Committee Minutes
Action: Motion was made to accept all items within the consent agenda, with edits to the September 1, 2009 Board minutes. Approved.

VI. Ongoing Business (Deliberation & Possible Action)
A. Policy – Second Reading:
   1) D2-Professional Development (Revision)
   2) D1-HIPPA Compliance
G. Keiling stated that revisions that were e-mailed had been implemented into the policies. Action: Motion was made to approve the second reading of the professional development and HIPPA policies as distributed in the Board packets. Approved.

VII. New Business (Receive Information & Possible Action)
B. Policy – First Reading:
   1) D7-Volunteers and Work Study Students: G. Keiling explained that this was a requirement for the state of Vermont and a draft of the procedures is in progress. She asked that any changes be e-mailed to her and prepare for a second reading at the November meeting.

C. Correspondence (Oxbow Board Letter): G. Keiling reviewed a letter from the Oxbow School Board inviting the Rivendell Board to join them and other area school boards to discuss their building assessment, program needs for the next decade, what kind of population would be served or with declining enrollment should districts merge to create a larger pool of students. S. Ordway and C. Richardson stated that they would attend the meeting and Keiling asked if anyone else was interested to contact Penny Randall.

G. Keiling reviewed request from Rivendell Academy for a 2010 trip to Spain. Action: Motion was made to approve the 2010 trip to Spain. Approved.

D. River Bend Board Representative: S. Ordway reported that she acted as the Board representative at the October 5th River Bend meeting. The discussion was on what students are interested in learning and how to attract more students; River Bend would also like to work closely with area technical colleges.

VIII. Strategic Action Plan
A. Update of Process: G. Keiling stated she continues to review the plan to be sure goals that have been set are being achieved.

M. Avery reported that the Resource Development Task Force met and has a goal of forming beneficial relations with area businesses and hopes to attract community members that have contact with businesses such as hospitality, construction, Hypertherm, etc.

IX. Future Agenda Items (Discussion)
A. HS Schedule & RA Student Handbook: Valentine asked what questions the Board would have regarding this topic. G. Keiling stated the Board would like to know how the new schedule is going and what, if any, are the challenges and how they are being addressed.

B. Orford Academy Building Task Force: G. Keiling reported that Ann Green contacted her and stated that the Task Force does not have a report ready for the Board, but will contact them when it is complete.

X. Adjournment (Action)
Action: Motion made to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Clifford, District Clerk