RIVENDELL INTERSTATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
District Office, Orford, NH
October 23, 2012

Members Present: Cicely Richardson, Marc DeBois, David Ricker (Orford); Sandra Smith-Ordway, Jennifer Shatney (W. Fairlee); Jennifer Ricker, Jean MacDonald (Vershire); Bruce Lyndes, Mark Avery (Fairlee), Kathy Blanchard (at large)

Members Absent: Dawn Stever (W. Fairlee)

Administration and Staff Present: Brenda Needham (Superintendent), Keri Gelenian (Head of Schools/RA Principal), Gail Keiling (Head of Elementary/SME & WES Principal), Janet Cole (Director of SPED)

Others Present: None.

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

II. Anticipate Executive Session (Discussion):
   a. Legal Issue: Action – Motion made to go into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. Approved. Board came out of Executive Session at 6:54 p.m.

III. Strategic Planning: B. Needham stated that the status report that was distributed to the Board as they arrived was put together by the administration. Smith-Ordway asked the administrators if there were any of the Strategic Plan goals that were achieved. Keiling said that she thought so regarding the Profile of Graduate and Gelenian added that they took profile and had added NEASC expectations. He said they worked from the profile to develop learning expectations and rubrics and that he is thinking of having a student electronic portfolio that students make themselves, as students need to understand what they are doing and why. DeBois suggested that the Board review the distributed status report on their own time and then email any questions to the administration. Richardson said that she believed there were two pieces that needed to be completed - how do we show what has been done and then come up with a new strategic plan. Also, she spoke of how involved the community was in the Strategic Plan originally and felt that the Board needs to report back to the community. Gelenian pointed out that some of the areas are so broad that the District would/should never be done with any of them. Needham asked “how do we to articulate all the things that are unique to Rivendell so we can move forward?” She also stated that lots of curriculum issues that are already out are coming from the top down (state, etc.). Needham thought the next Strategic Plan should articulate what is really unique to RISD, including student voice and global awareness. D. Ricker stated that the current Strategic Plan has progress indicators and that would be a good place to start, to just go through it and see what ones have been done and he pointed out that some would be a quick straight forward answer. Needham suggested that it might be helpful to the administrators if they could take one area at a time and zone in on the progress indicators (i.e., the first two goals). Discussion ensued on where to get information, suggestion of a local survey, keeping the focus areas the same and coming up with 2-3 goals for each, that the need now is different than before with a bigger area focus and unique to RISD, perhaps putting indicators such as achieving a certain percentage on NECAPs. Decided that Board
members will review what was presented and the administrators will look at an area and come back to report at the December Board meeting.

IV. Anticipated Executive Session (Discussion):
   a. Student Issue – Action: Motion made to go into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Approved. Board came out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.
      Action: Motion made to suspend Weapons Policy (Code F24) temporarily for one particular student with the understanding that a safety plan is implemented and followed. Additionally a continued process is occurring to develop a coordinated plan with appropriate agency(s) and school representatives. A hearing can be rescheduled if requested by Administration. Approved.

V. Transact Any Other Business that Needs to be Considered: None.

VI. Adjournment: Action - Motion made to adjourn. Approved.
    Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Recorded by:

Penny Perryman