Members Present: Marc DeBois (Chair), David Ricker, (Orford); Bruce Lyndes, Mark Avery, David Gagner (Fairlee); Jean MacDonald, Kathy Hooke (Vershire), Kevin Dexter (West Fairlee); Kathy Blanchard (at-large)

Members Absent: Michael Smyth (Orford)

Administration and Staff Present: Michael Harris (Superintendent), Keri Gelenian (Head of Schools/RA Principal), Michael Galli (RA Dean of Students), Richard Paulson (CFO), Tammy MacQueen (WES Principal), Michael Foxall (SME Principal), Jan Cole (Director of Special Education), John Jacobson (Director of Operations), Matt Joska (Director of Info Technology)

Others Present: Mark Burger, Chris Crowley, Sara Day, Bonnie McCouch (Orford); Caleb Day (student)

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.
DeBois welcomed David Gagner, the new appointed Board member from Fairlee. Gagner was sworn in by the District Moderator, David Hooke, prior to the start of the meeting.

II. 2017-18 Preliminary Draft Budget: Paulson discussed changes to the budget – salary increases for night custodian, adding a grounds maintenance person (PT), and a decrease of income from tuition and surplus funds. The net increase with these changes is $322,296 over last year’s net local education spending. The Board asked if the new PT grounds position would require benefits – Harris will check on that. The Board discussed the Principal position at Westshire Elementary – should the Principal position be a reduced FTE position? Could grants be managed by the WES Principal? Should athletics and other co-curricular activities be eliminated? Gelenian reminded the Board that the presented budget does not include negotiation salary increases. The Board agreed to have the Administration keep the Budgeted Education Spending at 3.5% including negotiations.

III. Executive Session
Action: Motion made to go into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. (Hooke/MacDonald). Approved. The Board came out of executive session at 8:14 p.m.

IV. Adjournment (Action)
Action: Motion made to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. (Avery, Hooke) Approved.

Recorded by:
Esther Dobbins-Marsh
District Treasurer/Clerk