

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016
MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Sarah Strunk, Chair
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 10/11/16 Board Meeting? J. Brickley motioned to approve. Seconded by D. Richards. Vote in favor: Unanimous
- IV. Welcome Guests – Abigail Marble - Mrs. Wuori did an introduction for Abby. The students were studying about the Middle East and the life of a 12 year old girl from Afghanistan who is the breadwinner of her family. Abby shared her presentation from her ipad to the board, projected on the TV in the Library.

There were 8th grade students present to discuss their upcoming class trip to New York City. Each 8th grade student present shared a piece of the class trip itinerary while in New York. Their trip is scheduled for June 4 – 9th. The board did approve the 8th grade trip noted in the Action Items on the agenda.

V. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Updates – Mike has reviewed the November Costs Centers and everything looks good. Mike noted that there will be a one time fuel purchase next month. This should carry us through the year. Fuel was budgeted at \$4.00 per gallon.
2. Mike reported that there is not a lot to do to get going as far as legal costs to establish the alumni donations. The cost would be \$1,000-\$2,000 provided we raise less than \$50,000 for three years. There would be a filing fee and would have to set up policies and procedures, who decides grants and awarded to whom. Sarah will contact the Maine Community Foundation in hopes that they would come present to the board in the next couple of months.

VI. Principal's Report

1. Emergency Plan – Kathy worked on editing; Barry included aerial photographs, floor plans and updated the plan and presented to the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency.
2. Rangeley Regatta – This is the second year that Stratton has participated. Bill Pierce organized the event. Barry gave Katie Wuori and Paula Stevens credit to get the kids interested in participating. Rangeley and Stratton had the most numbers in attendance. Stratton brought home the trophy!!
3. Ski/skate extension – Normally a (5) week program. We have been granted (8) weeks this year. The cost is \$5.00 per student with a total cost of \$40.00. We will go thru February and March with the last week of no instruction – free ski. In addition, the mountain is offering a deal for Sunday afternoon skiing to students. Skis and rentals for \$15.00 with a parent chaperone.
4. School gardens – Katie Wuori and Denise MacKay recently attended a conference. Katie was present and felt the conference was very inspiring. From this conference they received a two week two hour a day PreK-8 curriculum to implement this spring. The plan is to plant learning theme gardens for local harvest fest and for open house in the Fall.

5. **Communication Coordinator**-Barry noted that having a Facebook page as well as the website information update more people have reached out to Stratton School.
6. **Gifted & Talented Endorsement** – Is a requirement to have and Katie Wuori has provisional license.
7. **Carrabassett Valley – Volunteer Coordinator & supplies, Mini-grants** Barry went to CV Board meeting where they discussed the Volunteer Coordinator program. CV will support the Volunteer Coordinator with the district matching funds. SAD #58 has chose not to take the Volunteer Coordinator funds as they don't want to match the grant. The money that was earmarked for SAD #58 coordinator and supplies is now being setup for mini grants for teachers to apply. These mini-grants are available to SAD #58 schools as well as Stratton School.
8. **RTI - NA**
9. **Facilities Committee** – Meeting has been tentatively set for December 7, to go over 3-5 year plan.
10. **Grant Update** –
 1. **Math Curriculum** – recently received a \$5,500.00 grant from TransCanada for the Math Curriculum. (Tabitha Emery and Pearl Butler wrote grant)
 2. **ELA/Literacy Grant** received from Sugarloaf Regional Trust in the amount of \$3,000.00 (Pearl Butler wrote grant)
 3. **Outdoor Classroom Grant** received from Sugarloaf Region Trust in the amount of \$500.00 (Tabitha Emery wrote grant)

Barry mentioned that he would ask the student body to provide community service to Sugarloaf in the Spring to provide hours of labor for the additional weeks of ski skate and the deal on Sunday afternoon.

There was discussion on the fact that we teach good things at EBLG, have gardens for fresh vegetables but we serve bad food. A lot of what we serve is based on food from the Federal government. There was discussion to see if it would look like if we did not accept federal reimbursement. Barry will call George Joseph as he is familiar with this and Mike will contact that State to see what this might look like, and bring back to the December meeting if we don't take federal funds and food.

VII. School Board Chair's Report

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Discussion Items

1. **Emergency Plan** – This is state mandated noting procedures for fire drills, lock down drills, what to do in case of emergency. This plan has been submitted to the FCEMA. By law this will be part of the board policy once approved. The board can make amendments as needed.
2. **Superintendent Evaluation** – The Superintendent Evaluation took place last month while in executive session. Tonight the board needs to vote on the continued employment of the Superintendent.
3. **Review of Report Card** – A sample of Gr. 2, Gr. 5 & Gr. 8 were distributed to the board, noting that changes will be made as of this Thursday. Paula Stevens will send a blank report card to board members. Barry mentioned to the board to look over the report cards and let him know if any questions or concerns.

X. Action Items

1. To see if the Board will approve the Emergency Plan for the school as presented? S. Fotter motioned to approve, seconded by J. Brickley,
Vote in favor: unanimous
2. To see if the Board will approve the continued employment of the

Superintendent July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017? J. Brickley motioned to approve, seconded by D. Richards, Vote in favor: unanimous

3. To see if the Board will approve the 8th Grade Class trip to New York City June 4- June 9, 2017? J. Brickley motioned to approve, seconded by S. Fotter, Vote in favor: unanimous

XII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.