

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017
MINUTES**

I. Call to order – Sarah Strunk, Chair

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 2/14/17 Board Meeting?

D. Richards motioned to approve. Seconded by C. Cote. Vote all in favor: 4-0 (J. Brickley absent)

IV. Welcome Guests

1. Lee'Ann Delcourt – Dutch Soccer Summer Program

Lee'Ann Delcourt was not present. Barry noted that she is interested in holding the same type of soccer program that was held last summer. The board felt this was a good program and voted to approve.

V. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Update – Barry and Kathy continue to work well with Region #9.

2. 2017-18 Budget - Mike handed out the audit report from last year, which he feels is a strong audit, noting no deficiencies. There were particular highlights that Mike tagged for the board to review. Mike and the board also discussed the budget for next year noting no increase for the 5th year for taxpayers. There was discussion on allocating money to be put into capital reserves, transportation and the Maine Community Foundation. There was also discussion about the possibility of hiring someone to create a French curriculum. No decisions have been made and the board will discuss the budget further at the next meeting.

VI. Principal's Report

1. Meeting with Rangeley - Mike, Barry and Sarah met with Charlie Brown in Rangeley recently and then Charlie Brown also came to Stratton to meet with Barry. There was discussion on the possibility of K-12 shared services, such as music teacher, and what it would look like if our secondary students chose to attend Rangeley High School. This was a good start and work in progress.

2. WMEC- Barry is part of the WMEC Board of Directors. Nicole Beers is attending as part of her professional development. The purpose of the meeting is to get together to discuss "what does it all look like" and to be sure we are meeting needs of students in the right way.

3. MSM Building Report - Ed Antz, of MSM, recently came to school to identify areas that may need corrections mandated by law or just make recommendations. There were minor problems noted which will be taken care of during the summer. A copy of the report is in the office if anyone would like to review it.

4. Plowing/Shared Service - The selectmen will be putting snow removal out to bid in town for 4 separate sections: Town Office, School, Community Building and Transfer station. We also have been using the bucket loader to remove snow away from the building. We are only responsible for fuel. The town keeps track of hours for record keeping. The town uses our bus for summer rec and are responsible only for fuel.

5. Roof Damage: there was substantial roof damage during February vacation to the front of the school. The snow slid off the roof taking down the roof extension that was installed. It was recommended that we repair this area by extending the roof approximately 8 ft. This

repair work would be completed before school starts in the fall. Also, the building that the canoes were stored in for the winter collapsed on the canoes and trailer. Once the snow is gone we can access the damage.

6. (6) Week Chinese School- Maria Logan is offering a 6 week Chinese school for interested students.
7. CV Enrichment Grants - Carrabassett Valley does fund our Volunteer Coordinator. SAD #58 was not interested in matching the \$14,000 grant this year, so there is more grant money available.
8. School gardens - Seeds and soil arrive this week. There will be a theme dinner planned with what we grew.
9. Gayla LaBreck was here for a workshop on March 17. There were 18 staff members present working on K-8 standards based with great progress.
10. Storm Days - We are currently at 7 storm days. One option is to go to school until June 22. Option #2 is to extend the school day by one hour starting April 3 and continuing until April break, which meets the needs of two days. The board was in agreement to extend the school day by one hour for two weeks.

VII. School Board Chair's Report

1. Charles Woodworth – Broadband in Franklin County - Not present. There was very little discussion as Charles was not present. We will check with Paula Stevens to see if she knows what this entails.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Discussion Items

1. Adjustment to the agenda

X. Action Items

1. To see if the board will approve the use of the Stratton School facility for the Dutch Soccer Summer Program? S. Fotter motioned to approve. Seconded by D. Richards. All in favor:
4-0

XII. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 7:27