

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
5:30 P.M. - MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Sarah Strunk, Chair**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 8/9/16 Board Meeting?**
 - S. Fotter motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor: Unanimous**
- IV. Welcome Guests: Barry welcomed newly hired educators attending the meeting.:**
 - 1. Alice Totman, Special Ed. Teacher from the Turner area, hired as our Special Ed. Teacher.**
 - 2. Stephanie Coburn has been hired as our 12 week-long term sub for first grade.**
 - 3. Jill Chinnery hired as Special Ed. Tech., working with Tabitha Emery and Nicole Beers.**
 - 4. Haley Nutter has been hired as an Ed. Tech., working in the Kindergarten room. She will be present at the October meeting.**
 - 5. Nicole Beers has been hired for the new Grade 4 teaching position.**
 - 6. Christine Carnahan will take care of Title I and NCLB.**
 - 7. Denise Mackay will be our Communication Coordinator.**
 - She will take care of newspaper articles, Stratton School Facebook page, as well as updating the Stratton School Web-Site.**

The school board members introduced themselves to new staff members.
- V. Superintendent's Report**
 - 1. Tour of Facility – Mike noted the condition of the building from all the hard work done by Eric, Sue and Jim Bergeron this summer. He encouraged staff to tour the building. Mike mentioned other work that had taken place this summer; noting the brickwork over the gym windows have been sealed as well as work on the fuel tanks on the soccer field.**
 - 2. Business Office update – Barry and Kathy reported that everything is going fine with the new Business Office.**
 - 3. MSMA October Meeting – Both Coplin and Carrabassett Valley's Superintendents and school board members have been invited to attend the MSMA October meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th, from 4:30 – 5:30, prior to the board meeting.**
 - 4. Mike mentioned the Carrabassett Valley contract for tuition and transportation noting no changes in the contract from last year. Sarah signed the contract as board chair.**
 - 5. Mike distributed information from the attorney regarding setting up trust funds. Mike asked the board to review and we would discuss further at the next meeting. Sarah asked Mike to check with attorney as to the actual attorney fees would be for setting this up, and report at the next meeting.**
- VI. Principal's Report**
 - 1. School Updates & Reports – Barry mentioned that enrollment is up by two children. Also, we have welcomed three new students from Coburn Gore that are an excellent addition to our school.**

2. Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th, from 4:30 – 6:00. From 4:30 – 5:00 is scheduled classroom time for parents with 5:00 – 6:00 for serving food.
3. October 25th is the next Wellness Committee Meeting.
Katie Wuori and Melissa Pare' will be working on incorporating the gardens out front into the food program.
4. Barry thanked the board for the summer training that took place at Sugarloaf this summer for staff. Mike Butler did staff training on Autism and Gala LaBreck on Literacy and Growth Mind set.
5. We had a Bus Safety Assembly with the students with Eric & Sue Castle, Karen Campbell and Hope MacPhee, bus drivers, in attendance.
6. Kirk Williams from the Town came by last Spring to let us know that while the town was working on paving some areas in town, they were also planning to pave the section out front of the school where parents park.
7. Emergency Plan is being updated and will be brought to the board in October.
8. A representative from Apple was here in September and will be coming to school once a month from 2:30-4:00 for any staff or board members would like to attend, free of charge.
9. Barry also mentioned contacting a UMF graduate who did a study on the comparison of nutritional value/cost pros and cons of the lunch program if we did not take federal money.

VII. School Board Chair's Report – Sarah mentioned the MSMA conference in Augusta for October 27 & 28. All board members should be set up and using Stratton School email. The next board meeting the board will go into executive session to discuss the Superintendent evaluation.

Jeff Brickley mentioned that at the last board meeting there was some discussion on the possibility of a day care here at school. This is a topic that will need to be explored. There was mention of the possibility of building a bus garage with an additional room that could be used as leased space for a day care. Barry noted that there are two staff members that would be interested in being on a committee to discuss this further. There should be a committee formed to discuss this further.

VIII. Public Comment – Nicole Beers, as a parent, mentioned the possibility of future discussions on options for secondary education of Mt. Abram vs. Rangeley Lakes Regional School.

IX. Discussion Items

1. Adjustment to the Agenda

X. Action Items

1. To see if the Board will approve the hiring of two Ed. Tech's?

J.Brickley motioned to approve the hiring of Jill Chinnery and Haley Nutter as Ed. Tech's. Seconded by C.Cote. Vote: All in favor.

2. S. Fotter motioned to approve the hiring of Denise MacKay as

Communication Coordinator. Seconded by D.Richards. Vote: All in Favor.

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