**FLAGSTAFF RSU**

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**APRIL 7, 2015**

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to order – Sarah Strunk, Chair**

School Board members Sue Fotter, David Richards, and Jeff Brickley were present. Casey Cote was absent.

 **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

1. **See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 3/3/15 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Motion to Approve: J. Brickley

Seconded: S. Fotter

Vote to approve: 4-0 to approve

1. **Welcome Guests**
2. **Superintendent’s Report**

**1. Vicki Collins’s resignation from the position of Principal/ Director of Special Services for the Eustis School Department has been accepted.**

**2. 2015-16 Budget**

There is 20% of the current school budget remaining at this time, which leaves us in a strong position. Ongoing changes and expenses will continue to affect the final balance. Preliminary figures indicate an increase in state aid for next year. Over time the current surplus will probably decrease. Currently increases in tuition being paid are balanced by increased revenues. Most reserve funds are in capital and some contingency funds are in education. The draft proposed budget is up 3.16%, but revenues will also increase. Health insurance costs were up this year primarily to cover additional benefits for support personnel.

**3. Proposed school calendar for 2015-16 is aligned with MSAD#58.**

1. **Principal’s Report**
2. **Celebration of Learning April 14**

Starting at 2:30 Middle School students will be presenting portfolios highlighting their learning in three subject areas focused on specific standards. The first and second grade students will be presenting biographies in their classrooms. The third and fourth grade students will have poetry presentations. Art from all grade levels will be on exhibit in the gym. The steel drum group with Paula Stevens will have a performance in the gym at 3:30 and Sarah Plummer will lead a band and choral performance at 4:30 in the gym.

Katie Wuori and Pearl Butler plan to start this year’s drama production on April 15th with a performance scheduled for May 15th at the PTC Spring Fling, which will also include a performance by the steel drum band.

Smarter Balance testing for state accountability will begin after April break.

1. **School Board Chair’s Report**

**1. MELMAC Update – Paula Stevens**

Steve Mitman, who works at MSAD#58 High School, is chair of the MELMAC group. MELMAC focuses on student aspirations for after high school. There will be a career and education fair at the high school in May. We had lunch with a career K-8 last year and will look at doing a few this year. Students also do job shadowing and college visits. Last year they went to Thomas College and Colby College. This year the eighth grade students will go to Concordia University during their class trip, Foster Vocational Technical School, and the University of Maine at Farmington. The eighth grade students will participate in team building activities with MSAD#58 students before they make a visit to Mt. Abram H.S. Steve Mitman follows up with high school graduates to see what and how they are doing.

1. **Public Comment**

Katie Wuori invited school board members to help judge student portfolios, using a rubric, during the Stratton School Celebration of Learning.

1. **Discussion Items**
2. **Discussion of Chapter 2, “Leader’s Guide to 21st Century**

**Education”**

1. **Revisit development of a simple motto for the school and**

**the mission/vision statements**

S. Fotter: We have a need for a shared vision. Communication with business leaders would help us figure out what is needed for a well prepared work force. Are our schools preparing students adequately? Students, Librarians, and other stakeholders should have input into making these determinations.

M. Shea: We really have to formalize our school vision before we can communicate it to the community .

J. Brickley: The video links from the book can be used for guidance.

N. Beers: Her college class is examining values and ethics as related to budgets. She doesn’t really know what Stratton’s vision is. She would like to know so there is a goal.

D. Richards: How do we get more input from the community?

J. Brickley: We need to be careful not to have too much info coming in.

M. Shea: It might be better to put a draft out for comments.

S. Strunk: It would be nice to get together with some of the original proponents of separation to discuss vision. Connection to place is important. We also need to expand students’ horizons.

N. Beers: Academic excellence will help students move beyond our school.

J. Brickley: We should have a discussion of the videos from Chapter 2 next meeting.

<http://www.youtube.com/edleader21>, to get ideas on adding the 4 Cs (critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity) to our educational vision.

1. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

a) Nominations of Eric Castle as Baseball Coach and John Usher as Softball Coach.

b) nominations of Pearl Butler and Katie Wuori as co drama coaches.

**4. Agenda items for May 5th**

1. Revenue report

2. Discussion of videos from “The Leader’s Guide to 21st Century Education”

1. **Action Items**

**1. To see if the board will approve the proposed 2015-16 Stratton School calendar.**

Motion to Approve: S. Fotter

Seconded: D. Richards

Vote to approve: 4-0 to approve

1. **To see if the Board will approve the hiring of Pearl Butler and Katie Wuori as co drama coaches, Eric Castle as Baseball Coach and John Usher as Softball Coach.**

Motion to Approve: J. Brickley

Seconded: S. Fotter

Vote to approve: 4-0 to approve

1. **To see if the Board will enter into Executive Session to**

**Discuss the Superintendent’s Evaluation?**

Motion to Approve: J. Brickley

Seconded: D. Richards

Vote to approve: 4-0 to approve

 **Adjournment. 8:30 PM**