

## **EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**JULY 7, 2015**

**5:30 P.M.**

### **MINUTES**

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

**Other members present: Casey Cote, Sue Fotter, Jeff Brickley and Dave Richards.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 6/2/15 Board Meeting?**

**Motion to approve: J. Brickley**

**Seconded: C. Cote**

**Discussion: Dave R. noted to amend the minutes to read that “Dave wrote a grant and was awarded \$1,500 from the Sugarloaf Region Charitable Trust.”**

**Vote to approve: 5-0 in favor**

**IV. Welcome Guests**

**1. Jodie Caldwell, Pres. P.T.C. – Boston Trip April 7-8, 2016**

**With the boards approval, this Spring, the P.T.C. will sponsor the trip to Boston for the 4, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students will depart on April 7<sup>th</sup> by Cyr Bus Lines and return back to Stratton on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Students will go to the Boston Museum of Science. They also have received free tickets to go to the Aquarium this year. Paula Stevens as well as Sam and Kate Punderson will help chaperone.**

**V. Superintendent’s Report**

**1. 2016 Blue Bird School Bus**

**This evening the board will be asked to vote to release \$91,710.00 to purchase a new bus from the reserve account that was approved by the town in June. Mike has seen the new bus. The bus is a 77 passenger bus and handicap accessible with a lift and will fit two wheelchairs.**

**2. Secondary Education Meeting 6/23/15**

**Mike was very impressed with the Secondary Education Meeting that took place at school on 6/23/15. The meeting was very positive with three school boards being present to talk about kids. The general feeling was to send our kids to SAD #58 and to help make that a good place to go. Marco Aliberti was asked to convey to the new superintendent of SAD #58 of our support.**

**3. Moonlight Run for sports runs**

**Mike has spoke with the two superintendents from CV and Coplin and the general feeling was that we discontinue the “Moonlight – Late Late Bus Run”. It was felt by all superintendents that this was not cost effective. We will be sure to get the word out that this run has been discontinued.**

**4. Summer capital projects**

**Also this evening the board will be asked to vote to release \$48,000 from the Capital Reserve account for summer/needed projects. Last year we were hit hard with expenses from the septic and heating system.**

**There are other projects that need to be addressed. We have received an estimate of \$5,000 to repair the two major leaks in the roof near Pre-K and the front foyer area.**

There are three remaining rooms that need to be tiled: Pre-K classroom, the corner room (OT & Superintendent's Office), and the cafeteria. Tile floors are much healthier than rugs. Estimate for this \$6,000.

We are in the process of purchasing a new machine to clean the floors. This new machine is a buffer/stripper that is square instead of circular to reach corners. More cost effective to purchase this machine. There will be a demonstration of the floor machine at the next board meeting. The cost of the machine is \$6,000. We will be purchasing a new 14 x 24 storage shed that will be delivered and set up near the dumpster out back. Estimate \$6,700.

Any remaining balance left will be used for events that come up. With the board approving the release of the funds from the Capital Reserve it will allow us to spend the money when things come up and not have to wait for the next board meeting.

VI. Principal's Report. Barry London has been in and will officially start on August 1, 2015.

VII. School Board Chair's Report

1. Garden Project – Dave

Dave reported that vegetables are growing. The first phase of the project is complete. Dave noted that he sent a letter to the Sugarloaf Region Charitable Trust updating them on the project. We have spent \$900 of the \$1,500 grant awarded. The remaining \$600 may be used for fencing.

IX. Public Comment

X. Discussion Items

1. Discuss Chapter 3 of "The Leader's Guide to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning".

Align Your System. Reviewed the 4 C's: Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication & Creativity. Board proposed, and administration agreed, that this was a good point to pass the book over to the administration and staff to continue the seven step process.

2. School Visioning Discussion

The notes from the visioning session in June were handed out to board members to review. Sarah noted that we are continuing the process of narrowing our vision for Stratton School. She is asking staff and board members for input. If they could list their top five phrases or words that feel most encompass what our school is and either give the list to Kathy or Sarah. Kathy will send email to staff.

Nicole Beers mentioned that her friend just accepted a principal position at a similar size school in Keene, NY. There is a possibility of forming a partnership with that district. Nicole will be traveling to NY next week to help her friend set up her office and to continue conversations on how we could work together.

Casey Cote mentioned a link that was shared by one of the teachers here in Stratton about the thought of Outdoor Classrooms.

**Dave R. spoke of the next phase of the garden project including a 26 x 30 foot dome that could be used all four seasons.**

**3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

**XI. Action Items**

- 1. To see if the board will approve the P.T.C. Boston Trip  
April 7-8, 2016?**

**Motion to approve: S. Fotter**

**Seconded: J. Brickley**

**Vote to approve: 5-0 in favor**

- 2. To see if the board will approve to release \$91,710.00 from the  
reserve account for the purchase of a 2016 Blue Bird Bus?**

**Motion to approve: J. Brickley**

**Seconded: S. Fotter**

**Vote to approve: 5-0 in favor**

- 3. To see if the board will approve to release \$48,000 from the  
Capital Reserve account for summer/needed projects?**

**Motion to approve: C.Cote**

**Seconded: D. Richards**

**Vote to approve: 5-0 in favor**

**XII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.**