

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 6, 2015
MEETING MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Sarah Strunk, Chair
Jeff Brickley was absent from meeting.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 9/1/15 Board Meeting?
S. Fotter motioned to approve.
C.Cote seconded
Vote in favor 4-0**
- IV. Welcome Guests: Paula Stevens – 8th Grade Class Trip
Paula, as well as 8th grade boys, presented a trip for the 7 students in the 8th grade class. This trip would include an airplane flight to Washington, D.C. The flight would be 1.5 hours as opposed to an all day bus ride. The cost would be \$250.00 per person. Steve and Erica Arner, Colin’s parents, have offered their home for the class trip. Paula stated that 15 people are interested in going on this trip, allowing a one to one ratio. Once the group arrives in Washington, Cyr Bus would transport them to various museums. The group would be departing Stratton on Friday and arrive back on Tuesday. The rates are much cheaper over the weekend.**

The board was very excited and receptive of this proposal. The board would like to see policies and procedures that will be enforced for this trip as well as an itinerary as the trip gets closer.

- V. Superintendent’s Report**
- 1. Financials – Mike reviewed and explained the Cost Centers with the board.**
 - 2. Mike also spoke to the board about the hiring of Jessica Milligan as the Special Ed. Director. Mike noted that we are very fortunate to have Jessica with us. Jessica was present and is pleased to be a part of this school district.**
 - 3. Mike also wanted the board to be aware of “empty miles” on the new bus when transporting students to Mt. Abram. There are two runs that the bus is empty and Mike wants the board to be thinking about possible solutions of purchasing or leasing a vehicle to use to keep miles down on the new bus. This will be a future agenda item.**

- VI. Principal’s Report**

1. **Bus Stop Approval** – School to school transportation is going better
2. **School activities** – Recently Gr. 6-8 had a great trip to the Huts & Trails while Gr. 4 & 5 went to the Dead River Historical Society and took a historic pontoon boat ride on Flagstaff Lake.
3. **Teacher Workshop on Friday** – not another workshop until May.
Look into building more workshops in the calendar for the future.

VII. Chair's Report – Sarah mentioned that the MSMA Fall Conference will take place on Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23. Sarah and Sue will be attending the Thursday session. Any other member interested should contact Kathy.

VIII. Public Comment: John Usher was present to let the board know that John Morris from the Pines Market has made a donation for the purchase of a pitching machine for the softball and baseball teams.

Christine Carnahan was present to speak about the possibility of having a “service dog” in house to give emotional support to students in Special Ed. More information to follow.

IX. Discussion Items

1. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

X. Action Items

1. **To see if the Board will approve the 8th Grade Class trip as presented by Paula Stevens and students?**
S. Fotter motion to approve.
D. Richards seconded.
Discussion: Sarah would like to hear from the group again regarding policies and procedures and a possible itinerary of the trip as the trip gets closer.
Vote in favor. 4-0
2. **To see if the Board will approve the bus stops as presented by Mr. London at the 9/1/15 meeting?**
S. Fotter motioned to approve.
D. Richards seconded
Vote in favor. 4-0

Future Agenda Items:

1. **Few months from now: Empty miles on new bus.**
3. **Round table discussion: New positions for next year.**
4. **Conversation: Grant Writing for Outdoor Classrooms/garden.**
5. **Summer: Work with Claudia Diller on school logo.**
6. **September: Take a look at students going to the Common Ground Fair.**

XI. Adjournment at 6:25.