

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017
MINUTES**

**I. Call to order – Sarah Strunk, Chair
J. Brickley absent**

II. Pledge of Allegiance

**III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 3/28/17 Board Meeting?
D. Richards motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0**

IV. Welcome Guests

V. Superintendent's Report

- 1. 2017-18 Budget Discussion - Mike reviewed the budget with the board noting the highlights:**
 - 1. No increase for the Town for 5th year**
 - 2. Budget is up \$39,367**
 - increase for health insurance**
 - salary increases**
 - contract increases**
 - new potential staff positions**
 - 3. Small bus paid off**
 - 4. Debt to Strong School paid off**
 - 5. \$180,000 added to Capital Reserve**
 - 6. \$30,000 added to Vehicle Reserve**
 - 7. \$25,000 invested in Maine Community Foundation**
 - 8. \$35,000 carried over to help keep taxes down**
- 2. Teacher contracts expire June 30. Negotiations are going well and should settle before then.**
- 3. School budget vote will take place on Thursday, June 15th at 6:00.**

VI. Principal's Report

Barry reported that our 8th grade and all 8th grades in MSAD#58 will be attending a (3) day team building transition day at Bryant Pond.

Our first baseball/softball game starts on Wednesday, May 10 and the last day of school is scheduled for June 16th as a half day. Teacher Workshop will take place on Saturday, June 17th.

Students will participate in a "Community Service Project" at Sugarloaf in appreciation of the extended Ski/Skate and Sunday Ski Program. This has been scheduled for May 26th, weather permitting.

- 1. Training Staff - Kurt Jack was present for the early release day working on Professional Growth Model and what is needed going forward. Eric and Sue Castle recently attended a bus transportation and cleaning service workshop during Spring break.**
- 2. Wellness Policy - Barry handed out the Wellness Policy to the board for review and hope to get approval of the policy at the next meeting.**
- 3. Building Project - The roof is still not repaired. The adjuster for the insurance came as well as the engineer. The roof needs to be extended around the building. We have also received bids on the reconstruction of the driveway and curbing at the entrance. There is also some work that needs to be done near the back door to the gym entrance. We are in hopes that these projects will be done in phases and completed before we come back in the fall.**
- 4. Social Worker - Barry and two staff members stressed the need of a full time Social Worker to be hired. Nurse Trisha also prepared a statement indicating the amount of time she spends on social work type issues. After further discussion, the board agreed and gave approval to advertise for a full time Social Worker.**

VI. School Board Chair's Report - Sarah spoke with Jeff Brickley regarding the recent donation from Vivian Lawrence and the possibility of purchasing a 3-D printer for the school. These items will be on the June agenda for discussion.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Discussion Items

- 1. RSU/SAD #58 Calendar - Barry recommended that we approve the RSU/SAD #58 Calendar for next year.**
- 2. Adjustment to the Agenda - no adjustments**

X. Action Items

- 1. To see if the Board will adopt the RSU/SAD #58 2017-18 School Year calendar as presented? S. Fotter motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0**
- 2. To see if the Board will accept the 2017-2018 budget as presented, \$1,823,157.58? S. Fotter motioned to approve. D. Richard seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0**

XII. Adjournment