

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018
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 9/11/18 Board Meeting? J. Brickley motioned to approve. Seconded by D. Richards. Vote in favor: 5-0**
- IV. Welcome Guests – Three students from Mrs. Beaulier’s Gr. ¾ class did research and a presentation on the need for new swings on the playground. The group noted that by replacing the existing swings the students wouldn’t argue over the use, have to take turns and feel it will make the playground look better.**

The class did their research with some help on pricing from custodian, Mike Frost. The class decided that the swings could be replaced for the total cost of \$300.00.

Sarah Strunk and the board was in full support and a budget will be created for this purchase with Mr. London and Mr. Shea.

- V. Superintendent’s Report – Mike noted that we are moving forward in purchasing a tractor for the district. We feel this is a good investment as our staff will be able to use the tractor for mowing and removing snow around the school. We will be purchasing the same type of tractor that the town currently has. This tractor will be paid for using the reserve fund and not the general fund.**
- VI. Principals Report**
- 1. School Updates: Rangeley Regatta – Barry noted that our middle school students brought home the Rangeley Regatta Cup for the third year in a row! Stratton School also received the School Spirit Award this year as well.**

Parent Night – Was a huge success! We sent home a survey to parents of what topics they were interested in and set up groups accordingly. Parents were given approximately 20 minutes of time for discussion on which topic they were interested in attending. There was a break where dinner was served and a casual discussion took place on strengths and what parent would like to see offered here at school.

Strengths included: a caring staff

student teacher ratio

What they would like to see offered: Music

Foreign Language

High School Option - Parents have asked what it’s going to look like in the future for our student attending high school. We have started conversations regarding secondary ed for the future. We are planning to attend the next few meetings that MSAD #58 is holding on this topic.

Barry and Denise MacKay will be working on a “Bobcat Bundle” which will be a two sided folder which will include:

**Staff biographies
History of Stratton School
Stratton School Brochure**

- 2. Student Handbook – At the last board meeting, members were asked to review the Student Handbook with the hopes of approving the handbook at this meeting.**
- 3. Board Policy – It was noted that the policy needs to be reviewed and approved yearly.**
- 4. Harvest Fest – Barry noted that the Harvest Fest was also a huge success. We had garden vegetables supplied by (9) different farms, local individuals and from the garden at school that the students planted in the spring from seed. Katie Wuori and Anne Flight are the coordinators for this event. Parents came in to the school enjoying a dinner served by students with no agenda for the evening.**

A 50/50 raffle was held to help raise money. The USDA requires us to raise \$10,000 to make this event sustainable.

A big thank you to Dave Richards for getting the garden project started!

Sarah mentioned that there is money available to be requested from the Sugarloaf Charitable Trust in October and April.

Barry also mentioned that we are planning to have a yard sale to sell the surplus of goods at the PTC fair on November 17th.

VII. School Board Chair's Report

- 1. MSMA Conference 10/25 – Sarah, Sue & Mike plan to attend the conference and then Sue and Sarah will head to the MSAD #58 meeting from 6:30 – 8:30 on the future of Mt. Abram.**
- 2. MSAD #58 Upcoming Meetings – The next scheduled meeting is on November 29 at the Phillips School.**

After these meetings, Mike and Sarah will plan to meet with Superintendent, Sue Pratt, from MSAD #58. In the spring we are hoping to get a committee together. Once we receive more information we will plan to invite Carrabassett Valley and Coplin Plantation members for a discussion. Sarah has not connected with Kate Punderson at CVA as of yet.

It was also noted that at the next board meeting the board will discuss the Bullying Policy.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Discussion Items

- 1. Adjustment to the Agenda**

X. Action Items

- 1. To see if the Board will approve the Student Handbook as presented? C.Cote motioned to approve. S.Fotter seconded. Vote in favor: 5-0**

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:30.