

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
MINUTES**

C. Cote was absent.

I. Call to order – Sarah Strunk, Chair

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 2/12/19 Board Meeting?

D. Richards motioned to approve. Seconded by S. Fotter. Vote in favor 3-0.

J. Brickley arrived after the vote took place.

IV. Welcome Guests – Andrea Drumstas, Social Worker – Ill – tabled to April Meeting.

V. Superintendent's Report

1. Budget Presentation – Mike presented the budget for approval by the board tonight. Mike explained the highlighted areas of the budget with the board., also noting tha this budget allows for the following:

(1) Day per week of Foreign Language

(1) Day per week of Music

There is an increase in the budget but no tax increase for the town.

The total of the budget proposed is \$1,973,702.00.

VI. Principals Report

- 1. School Updates – Ski Team had 9 skiers from Grades 4-8 with one member who never had skied before. The Ski Club has been very helpful with providing gear if needed as well as donating \$1,000.00 toward the ski team for next year.**
- 2. Special Ed. Audit- The Special Ed. Audit takes place every five years providing assessment and recommendations. The Special Ed. Audit took place on Thursday, March 7th. There were minor changes to be made of which Amy and Alice are working on.**
- 3. On Friday we received a call from Julie from Winter Kids informing us that they were going to make a \$5,000 donation to Stratton School. Barry noted that \$2,000 would be deposited into the garden account with the remaining balance designated for outdoor education.**
- 4. At the April board meeting the board will receive a proposed staffing list for next year. We currently have (6) applications received for the Elementary Teacher Position and (2) people interested in the Music position.**
- 5. Maine Guide Prep – Barry is currently holding a Maine Guide Prep class for some staff and other residents. During April vacation they will send in for their test dates.**
- 6. We had a resignation in the Maintenance/Custodian/Bus Driver position. We currently have one applicant interested.**

VII. School Board Chair's Report – Sarah noted that this Thursday, MSAD #58 will hold a meeting at Strong School on Budget Deliberations. Sarah is planning to attend. This is not a public meeting as of yet.

Sarah mentioned the recent meeting held at the CV Library by Sue Pratt, from MSAD #58, that Sarah, Mike, Barry, Marco and George attended. Sue shared demographics, numbers and if the system can be sustained or not. George Joseph, CV Superintendent noted at the meeting that the funding formula is really against rural Maine and really needs to be looked over at the state level.

There is an article with pictures from the meeting that will be in the Irregular next week that Barry provided.

Policy Manual – Sarah mentioned the email sent from Jean Gutman and Sharon Burnell regarding their review of the policy manual. There are a lot of policies that need to be reviewed and updated. It was suggested that we hire a consultant to help with the board policy. It was mentioned to reach out to Mark Eastman or George Joseph for recommendations on a consultant.

CHILD FIND – Barry noted that as part of the Special Ed. Audit, there are additions to the Child Find policy that need to be included. Barry asked the board to review the policy and the addition and hoping that it can be approved at the April Meeting.

Barry mentioned that next Friday’s teacher workshop will be held at UMF with 1,400 educators attending on campus, including Nurses and Social Workers.

Sue Fotter took a moment to thank Sarah, Mike and Barry for their hard work on our district and how successful we are today.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Discussion Items

- 1. Adjustment to the Agenda**

X. Action Items

- 1. To see if the board will approve the proposed budget as proposed for the total sum of \$1,973,702.00 for the 2019-20 school year. J. Brickley motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor 4-0.**

XIII. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.