

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019
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 4/9/19 Board Meeting? D. Richards motioned to approve. C.Cote seconded. Vote in favor 4-0.

IV. Welcome Guests – Sarah welcomed the following people to the meeting: Katie Wuori, Kristin Melanie, & Christine Carnahan

V. Superintendent’s Report

The next board meeting will be held in the Library beginning at 5:00 p.m. After we meet, we will head to the Community Building for the Special Town Meeting/School Budget Meeting at 6:30. There are no real changes in the budget and will end the year fiscally sound. We have not raised the tax levy again. We did add a third reserve account, the Emergency Reserve with \$195,000.00 into that reserve in the event of unanticipated Special Ed. costs or less revenue from tuition.

We have received a resignation letter from Lauren Orff , a rock star who will be missed. We are gaining another rock star by hiring our new Kindergarten teacher.

VI. Principals Report

1. School Updates – Barry also mentioned the great job that Lauren Orff has done while with us and we will miss her.

We have recently started an after school program for grade 5-8 boys, with Greg Siekman as the Coordinator, since we do not have enough players for a baseball team this year. Some of the activities mentioned were pickup basketball, canoe trip, pontoon boat trip. We are hoping to resurrect “ManCave” in the fall.

Barry mentioned that the gazebo area has been flagged off due to ground hornets. We have pest control coming as soon as weather allows.

Barry also mentioned that IRC was her this week looking at the roof and will come back to repair a few things and finish what was not completed last Fall, due to early snow.

VII. School Board Chair's Report

1. Garden Project – The first page has been completed for grant writing. Anne Flight is putting together a budget for classrooms and protocols when entering the area. Katie Wuori is working on the curriculum side. There is a school wide planting date scheduled for May 29.

The proposed 33 ft. greenhouse has been marked off on the school grounds where it might possibly go, noting the best place for sunlight is where the present gazebo building is. There has been discussions to run water and electricity to the new greenhouse.

Katie Wuori noted that Jordan Lumber supported the main garden by supplying compost and seeds that were left over from last year. Ronnie Cowper is collecting pallets for the project.

Sarah mentioned the upcoming meeting that will be held with superintendents and the Commissioner of Education on Wednesday, May 22. Mike mentioned that the same agenda could be used as before as many of the answers will come from the state.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Discussion Items

1. Hiring of Kindergarten Teacher – We held interviews last week with 12 people showing interest in the job, and 9 completed applications submitted. The team; Christine Carnahan, Barry London, Patty Simpson and Alice Totman, interviewed 5 strong candidates. Wendy Friend was selected as our new Kindergarten Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Barry noted that Wendy has worked at Stratton School as a Ed. Tech. years ago. Wendy comes with 34 years of experience and we are very excited to have her here. Mike commended the committee on a great job!

2. Adjustment to the Agenda - NA

X. Action Items

1. To see if the Board will approve the hiring of Wendy Friend as our Kindergarten Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year? S. Fotter motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor 4-0.

XI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.