

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020
MINUTES**

**I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair
Jeff Brickley absent**

II. Pledge of Allegiance

**III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 11/19/19 and 12/9/19 Board Meetings? S.
Strunk motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. All in favor 4-0.**

IV. Welcome Guests

V. Superintendent's Report

- 1. Substitute Pay – Mike reported that the substitute pay will need to increase to meet the new hourly rate. The new rate will be \$80.00 and \$85.00 per day.**
- 2. Maine Tuition Rates – Mike noted that by year end, December or in January, the State sets the new tuition rate for next year. Our rate went from \$16,000 to \$20,000, an increase of \$4,000 which is a big increase. The increase has nothing to do with the formula but due to the roof expense and tractor purchase. Mike noted that this is just a one year jump and the tuition rate will decrease again next year. Barry and Mike plan to attend the next Coplin School Board meeting to answer any questions that they may have. George Joseph has already been notified of the increase. It was also noted that both Coplin and CV will not be billed the new rate until September of 2020.**

Mike also noted that due to the increase in the tuition rate, he would not be recommending an increase in taxes this year.

VI. Principals Report

- 1. School Updates – Barry noted that the Ski Team has started. Paula Stevens is the instructor for the “learn to ski team” with members attending from the 4th Grade level and up. The team had their first race and all members ran gates!!**

Ski/Skate will start on June 24, 2020.

Thursday of this week, Anne and the Student Wellness group will be starting work on getting a composting program up and running for this year.

Gr. ¾ is working on horticulture and will be starting a worm farm to go along with their Science unit in class.

- 2. MEA Results- Barry reviewed the MEA results with the board. Barry noted that the state sees us with “chronic absenteeism” and at the state level we are required to come up with a plan.**

VII. School Board Chair's Report

- 1. Tobacco Policy – The Tobacco Policy was distributed and needs to be voted on tonight.**
- 2. Training for Board Members – Casey distributed a packet on “Maine Freedom of Access Act: Your right to know”. Casey asked the board to review the packet and fill out the questionnaire and return to Kathy before the next board meeting.**

3. Dave Richards talked about the recent trip that Katie Wuori, Joanne Raymond and Anne Flight took with him to the Waterville Boys and Girls Club. The visit was to meet with the individual running the greenhouse to go over what works and what doesn't. Dave noted it was great to see it all in action and some details that we still need to work out.

VIII. Public Comment – NA

IX. Discussion Items

- 1. Maine Tuition Rates – Mike reviewed**
- 2. Adjustment to the Agenda – C. Cote presented a Superintendent contract to Mr. Shea and Mr. Shea signed it. There was no need for the board to go into executive session.**

X. Action Items

- 1. To see if the Board will approve the new Tobacco Policy? S. Strunk motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Vote in favor 4-0.**
- 2. To see if the Board will enter into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent Contract? (1 MSRA 405(6)(1) N/A**

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.