

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
MINUTES**

**I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair
S. Strunk absent.**

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 2/11/20 Board Meeting? D. Richards motioned to approve. Seconded by J. Brickley. All in favor 4-0.

IV. Welcome Guests – Tabitha Emery and Anna Beaulier were present.

V. Superintendent’s Report

1. Budget – The budget is almost done and as noted at the last meeting, there will be no tax increase at the town level. There is an increase in salaries to meet the new minimum wage increase as well as increase in benefits. There will still be an estimated \$130-\$140,000 that will go into a reserve account. Mike plans to have the budget at the next meeting for the board to vote on.

VI. Principals Report

1. School Updates – outlined below

2. Baseball and Softball Coach – Barry would like to recommend Greg Siekman as Baseball Coach. We currently have 9-10 boys that have signed up. If there are not enough players, we would still run a baseball program with only having a scrimmage against the other district teams.

Barry would like to recommend Jennifer Reese as the Softball Coach. There are presently 13 girls signed up. Jennifer has much experience as she played Softball while in High School. The first baseball and softball practice will be on March 30, 2020. Barry is very enthusiastic about the new coaches and is looking for a board vote tonight.

3. Coronavirus Plan – Nurse Trisha just met with the Superintendent of MSAD #58, Dr. Dixon as well the nurse from CVA on what we should be doing. Our custodians have been sanitizing the building 2-3 times a day and we are doing what the CDC recommends and hand washing. The 8th grade trip to NYC was discussed and a decision on going there will be made in April as we get closer to the trip. There will be a class trip, but possibly not to NYC.

The new vaccination law will take place in September of 2021. Just an FYI, we currentl have 9 unvaccinated students, with 3 students from the tuition towns. There was discussion on home school students who are not vaccinated using our facility as in the past for P.E., Art or any other subject area. If not in school we won’t necessarily know who has been vaccinated. Currently, those not vaccinated cannot attend school until the medical outbreak is gone i.e. Chicken Pox, etc. More information to report at the next board meeting.

Ragan Beauregard recently attended a French workshop. Next year she is planning to work with 1st and 2nd grade students. Ragan came back from the workshop excited and charged!

Ms. Cockerham, the music teacher, is planning another music concert for the end of April beginning of May. This is exciting to have 2 performances in one year!

Barry mentioned that he has talked with Rangeley School about another school visit, which we can set up at any time. Barry also spoke with Todd Sanders, Superintendent from MSAD #58 about coming up to Stratton for a visit and talk about Mt. Abram. Mr. Sanders agreed to come up in April after budget season.

4. 2020-21 Projections and Scheduling Discussion – Barry’s goal when he started as Principal was to have 100 students here at Stratton School. Barry read off the anticipated numbers for classrooms for next year. Between now and April, we will be thinking about breaking the $\frac{3}{4}$ class into individual classes. There is also a possibility of breaking up the PreK – K classroom. This is exciting that our number are growing.

Due to the rise in the minimum wage, our current Free and Reduced numbers have changed from 54% - 28%, which may impact some of our outside programs.

VII. School Board Chair's Report - NA

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Discussion Items

1. Adjustment to the Agenda

X. Action Items

1. To see if the board will approve the hiring Greg Siekman as Baseball Coach? S. Fotter motioned to approve. Seconded by D. Richards. Vote in favor 4-0.

2. To see if the board will approve the hiring of Jennifer Reese as Softball Coach? S. Fotter motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor 4-0.

XIII. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.