

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

- I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair - via Zoom
J. Brickley was unable to connect until the end of the meeting.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 3/10/20 Board Meeting? S. Strunk motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Voted by C. Cote, S. Fotter. The vote was in favor 4-0.**
- IV. Welcome Guests – Paula Stevens present.**
- V. Superintendent’s Report**
- 1. Budget approval – Mike asked the board to approve the budget of \$2,112,732.00 for the 2020-21 school year. As discussed at the March board meeting the reason the budget is up by 8.7% is due to salaries. Mike has budgeted for the possibility of splitting Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ and hiring a new teacher as well as meeting the state mandated teacher salary level. There will still be no tax increase at the town level.**
- Mike also mentioned that teacher negotiations still need to take place and asked the board for permission to negotiate with teachers on their behalf? Given the circumstances of the quarantine the board felt it would be best if Mike was able to negotiate with teachers on their behalf.**
- VI. Principals Report**
- 1. School Updates – There was discussion on when the school year would end. Barry noted that some schools have announced that they will not be returning back to school this year. Barry also said we would like to be able to somehow do an 8th grade class trip and an 8th grade celebration of some type and be able to have closure for our students. Andrea has made herself available by Zoom and is available as needed.**
- There also was discussion on what would be considered the last day of school. Barry noted that the school board can waive any snow days as some districts are planning to. If we waived our snow days, the last student day would be June 12th with 2-3 days for staff to wrap up the year. More discussion on this topic will take place at the May board meeting.**
- 2. Remote Learning Plan approval – This was sent to board members prior to the meeting so that they had time to review and ask any questions. Barry noted that he added a paragraph to the plan that will explain the grading system. Barry noted how work has been sent home for the first two weeks and then for an additional 3 weeks and more will be sent after April vacation. All seems to be going well. Paula S. spoke how the remote learning plan was working in middle school. It was also noted that the majority of our students are engaged in the remote learning being provided.**
- 3. Nutrition – We are currently serving 60 students. Every Monday and Wednesday morning food goes home with a parent picking up at the back gym door. Joanne and Millie are doing an incredible job preparing meals. They will also provide meals during April vacation next week. Barry has written a grant to supplement the food program. Karen Campbell is delivering meals to Carrabassett Valley students and things are going well.**
- 4. Building Sanitizing – A google doc has been created for staff to sign in and out so that our custodians know what areas to sanitize when they are in. This seems to be working well. Jim**

and Mat are also working on some small maintenance projects that they can do now. Barry also noted that staff are wearing masks and gloves when food and work has been handed out.

VII. School Board Chair's Report

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Discussion Items

1. Adjustment to the Agenda – There was board discussion on giving Mike the authority to negotiate with teachers on their behalf for the teacher contract.

X. Action Items

1. To see if the board will approve the 2020-2021 school budget of \$2,112,732.00 as presented? S. Fotter motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Voted by S. Strunk and C.Cote . The vote was in favor 4-0.

2. To see if the board will approve the Remote Learning Plan for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year as presented? S. Strunk motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Voted by D. Richards and C. Cote. The vote was in favor 4-0.

3. To see if the board will give Mike the authority to negotiate with teachers on their behalf for the teacher contract? D. Richards motioned to approve. J. Brickley seconded. Vote by S. Strunk, S. Fotter and C. Cote. The vote was in favor 5-0.

XIII. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 6:32.