

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020  
5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

- I. **Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair  
J. Brickley absent**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 6/9/20 Board Meeting? S.  
Strunk motioned to approve. Seconded by D. Richards. All in favor 4-0**
- IV. **Welcome Guests – Katie Wuori – Garden Project – Katie reported the following  
to the board via Zoom.**

**Stratton School has been collaborating with the Franklin Food Council, chaired by Erica Emery for Rustic Roots Farm (our new farm contact replacing Jos), Kingfield, Phillips and Cascade Brookes Schools to talk and act upon expanding our individual school gardens and supporting teachers who would like to start one.**

**At our first meeting in December, we did a needs assessment and one need all the schools had was someone to be specific for the school garden, whether that be curriculum planning, watering schedule, running cooking classes with students, or more. Erica wrote grants and collected enough money to hire a part time person to split between the four schools. This gives us 85 hours with this person.**

**At Stratton School, this person will work closely with Laura Quynn, Katie Wuori and Anne Flight to support the needs of healthy food and gardening. This person is an employee of St. Jude's Hospital, has completed their finger printing, and has experience working with children of all ages.**

**This is the first step in developing a full time garden coordinator position for Stratton School. Once we build the three season dome greenhouse and full time person will be needed to maintain, teach, and grow this sustainable program. We will have this person for two years and their salary and mileage is paid for. The third year, Maine Food Council has an opening through the American Food Corps (very similar to Americorps) where we would apply to get a person here on a more part time basis, split with Kingfield, for a small stipend. This person's goal would be to establish a routine, curriculum, and maintenance of the garden program. They will be here for 5 -6 years. After that, we would be in a place to hire a garden coordinator permanently. Please see past notes in the school board meeting as we have proposed this position to you already.**

- V. Superintendent's Report - Mike submitted his letter of resignation to the board effective July 1, 2021. Mike has assured the board that he is just a phone call away.**

**Mike reported that with all of the unknown information at this time we need to be flexible. We have had good discussions on how to make the school safe for everyone. We need to trust staff to make the appropriate decisions.**

**VI. Principals Report**

**1. Approval of the draft of Covid-19 School Plan – Barry went over the plan with the board and we will meet again on Tuesday, August 25, to review a final plan for the start of school.**

**2. School Updates – Barry recently met with the CV bus driver as well as our drivers regarding transportation for this year. We may need to ask for parent help in providing transportation due to covid-19 and our numbers. We are also down a bus driver this year with Hope MacPhee retiring. We have been advertising with no luck.**

**3. Hiring of Gr. 3 Teacher – Barry reported that we are very excited to have Nykola Hanzcar with us this year. She has worked here in the past as a reading recovery teacher. She has 17 years of teaching experience and Barry highly recommends her for the Grade 3 teaching position.**

**4. Hiring of Pre-K Ed. Tech. – Barry reported that he was also excited about the hiring of Bailey DeBiase as an Ed. Tech. for PreK-K classroom. Bailey is an alumni of Stratton School and has just finished college and is excited to join our team.**

- VII. School Board Chair's Report – Casey said that the board will meet again in two weeks, August 25<sup>th</sup>, to revisit the final plan for the re-entry into school.**

**Casey also noted that the board should take a tour of the school at the 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting.**

**Casey also mentioned that the staff should be sent the survey that was sent to parents regarding the re-entry to school.**

- VIII. Public Comment – Rachel Williams was present and was supportive of the draft of our plan for re-entry. She noted that her children had very good luck with remote learning in the spring.**

**IX. Discussion Items**

- 1. Adjustment to the Agenda**

**X. Action Items**

- 1. To see if the board will approve the draft of the Covid-19 School Plan for the**

**2020-21 school year? S. Strunk motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded.  
Vote in favor: 4-0.**

**2. To see if the board will approve the hiring of Nykola Hanzcar as Gr. 3 Teacher? S. Strunk motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.**

**3. To see if the board will approve the hiring of Bailey DeBiase as Pre-K Ed. Tech.? S. Fotter motioned to approve. S. Strunk seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.**

**4. To see if the board will accept the resignation of Michael Shea, Superintendent, effective July 1, 2021? D. Richards motioned to approve. S. Strunk seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.**

**It was noted that we would visit the resignation of Mr. Shea at the meeting in October.**

**XIII. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 7:28.**