

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020  
MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair  
D. Richards was absent.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 11/10/20 Board Meeting? S. Strunk motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.**
- IV. Welcome Guests**
- V. Superintendent’s Report**  
Mike noted that usually at the January there is not a lot of business so Barry is planning to invite the Superintendent from MSAD #58, Todd Sanders, to talk about MSAD #58 and what they have to offer.

At the January board meeting we will start the budget process. Also, it is Mike’s recommendation to not raise the tax levy to the town again this year due to a surplus of unanticipated revenue from this year’s tuition payments.

- VI. Principals Report**  
1. School Updates – Barry reported that we have 14 new students this year from Carrabassett Valley. Barry also reported that he recently met with Linda Lowell from Coplin Plantation and noted that with only a part time superintendent, communication is difficult. The meeting was very productive and communication should be better going forward.

Barry also recently did another State of the School address video, noting to continue what we are practicing by wearing masks and social distancing to have a safe and happy holiday.

Barry mentioned inviting Todd Sanders, from MSAD #58 to the January meeting as well and advertising it so that parents and community members may come and ask questions. There is some concern of communication and attention to 8<sup>th</sup> graders transitioning to High School.

We were awarded covid money and have filled out needs but not wants with the money allocated. One of the needs is a generator for the school.

Barry noted sending something to our business manager, Susan Tuttle for Christmas as she has been working really hard on the additional covid money that have been allocated to schools.

Barry noted that parent/teacher conferences were held in November either in person or by zoom.

We have a sewing program on Thursdays with Mrs. Butler and Ms. Flight.

Barry mentioned we are discussing if there will be Ski Skate this year or a Ski Team. The High School will be participating in Basketball but the team will have to wear a mask the

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