

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

- I. **Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair**
S. Fotter was absent.

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 10/12/21 Board Meeting?**
J. Brickley motioned to approve. S. Strunk seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.

- IV. **Welcome Guests**

- V. **Superintendent's/Principal's Report**
 1. **School Updates:**
 2. **Ski Skate – Ski skate has been moved back to Friday's. Unsure if snowboarding will take place as they are short on instructors. Possible volunteers.**
 3. **High School Options – We will be looking at Rangeley High School and are hoping to set up an open house and have parents of different grade levels attend to see what they have to offer. There is talk of some changes occurring in MSAD #58 and one school would house K-3 students only while another school would house 4-8 students. There is talk of possibly closing a school. Barry had been asked in the past that if an elementary school closed, if we would take all of the Carrabassett Valley students. Barry said that we would.**
D. Richards recommended doing a Community Survey on what our parents are feeling about post Elementary School and be put on the December agenda for discussion.
 4. **Basketball – The Athletic Director/Vice Principal resigned from her position at MSAD #58. She is in charge of all middle school athletics. We are in hopes of having Basketball in some fashion. There has been talk about games with home fans allowed only. Stay tuned for more information.**
 5. **Hiring of Custodial/Maintenance Person – Barry introduced Tim Frederick that we would like to hire as our nighttime custodial/maintenance person. He comes highly recommended and has institutional cleaning experience. Barry asked for the Board to approve his hiring. Tim is very excited to be here.**
 6. **Opening of Bus Bids – An ad for two different bids was put in the paper noting that the bids would be opened at tonight's board meeting.**
The first bid was for the 2007 Freightliner – The bid was \$500.00. The board has decided to wait another month to see if we receive a higher bid.
The second bid was for the 2009 Chevrolet – 44 passenger bus. The bid was \$9,000.00. In trade, we would have received \$12,000.00 from the bus company. The board has decided that the \$9,000.00 was a fair bid and accepted the bid. The board also thought it was great that the bus would be used to transport hikers to and from Stratton and the Appalachian trail. Barry also mentioned that we will have another bus to put out to bid in July of 2022. This bus will not pass inspection for another year.
 7. **School Emergency Planning – Barry was asked by an officer from the Customs Border Patrol to possibly hold a training session for a few days in Stratton School during February vacation. Some training would take place in the Library and some would be outside. J. Brickley mentioned that it would be a good idea to make the public aware that they will be having a training session here or to have an officer out front to field any questions of people**

driving by. Offering training here could also benefit Stratton School as they would be familiar with our building. It is hoped that one of the officers could come to the January board meeting.

8. **Covid Update – Barry reported that we continue to do pool testing and the last 2 weeks we have had no positive cases!! The vaccine has been approved now for 5-11 year olds and we are holding our first covid-19 clinic this Friday. Last spring we vaccinated 12 year old students and held a flu clinic two weeks ago. Information was sent home to parents and if you wished to have the vaccine, paperwork was signed and sent in. S. Strunk felt that due to our location it is great to be able to offer the vaccine and make it accessible to those who wish.**

VI. School Board Chair's Report

- VII. Public Comment – Jeff Brickley asked the board if the Lions Club would be able to hold their annual Christmas Dinner here at school in the gym on December 5th. Mr. London approved the Lions Club Christmas Dinner, as long as they follow the CDC recommendations and wear a mask.**

VIII. Discussion Items

1. **Dishwasher - Barry noted that Covid relief money was used to purchase a generator, air conditioning , heat pumps, both busses, new literacy and our share of the laptop initiative. The dishwasher is 31 years old and needed to be replaced. Barry was asking for board approval to pay for the dishwasher expense of \$16,408.00 out of the Capital reserve.**

IX. Action Items

1. **To see if the Board will approve the hiring of Tim Frederick as our nighttime Custodial/Maintenance person? J. Brickley motioned to approve. S. Strunk seconded. Vote in favor 4-0**
2. **To see if the Board will approve moving funds of \$16,408.00 from the Capital Reserve for the dishwasher replacement? S. Strunk motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor 4-0.**
3. **J. Brickley motioned to accept the \$9,000.00 bid for the 2014 School Bus. S. Strunk seconded. Vote in favor 4-0.**

XI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.