

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021
MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair
S. Strunk and S. Fotter absent.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 11/9/21 Board Meeting?**
- IV. Welcome Guests - Susan Tuttle & Marc Roy, Berry Talbot Royer were present from our Business Office. Susan reviewed the Annual Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021. She also went over the Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund for the five months ending November 30, 2021. This gave us a good idea of where we are at with the budget. We are in good shape and right on track for this year. (copy attached to minutes)**

Officer Paul Feeney, CBP Emergency Response Team, was present to talk to the board about the Customs Border Patrol using the school for onsite training during February vacation. The group would possibly consist of members from Customs Border Patrol, Border Patrol, Franklin County Sheriff's Dept., and the State Police. This training would take place from February 19 – 25, 2022. Officer Feeney noted that the training would run from 8:00 – 4:00 each day with training taking place inside.

The board agreed to hold the training here at school as long as the public is aware by placing some type of notification outside on the school grounds that training is taking place. Having the training here also allows the groups to become familiar with our building in case we ever experienced a crisis. It was also noted that in case of a crisis here at school, most likely the Customs Border Patrol and Border Patrol may be our first responders as they are 15 minutes away, if not already in the Stratton area.

- V. Superintendent's/Principal's Report**
- 1. Ski Skate – Ski Skate fittings were held today. We will be going 6 weeks on Fridays. We are starting later this year, January 21, and ending in March in hopes that temperatures are warmer.**
 - 2. Parent Night – Barry will be offering two Parent Nights after vacation. This “hour with the Principal” is a time for parents to ask any questions or a celebration of the good things going on. A letter went out to parents and was posted on the Website. The two dates are: Tuesday, Jan. 4 for PreK-4 parents and Wednesday, Jan. 5 for 5 – 8 parents, at 4:30 each day.**
 - 3. Rangeley School Open House – Has been scheduled for January 19 at 4:30 for interested parents. This will give some time to introduce the curriculum, number of students, and extracurricular activities. There will also be time for a tour of the building and answer any questions.**

Casey Cote mentioned that she had been contacted by a parent from Carrabassett Valley to see if the board would discuss an option of making Stratton School a PreK-12 school.

There was some discussion and decided to put this topic on the January agenda for discussion. Casey felt that would give time to check with Sue and Sarah on this option as they were part of the school board when we withdrew from MSAD #58 and they may be able to offer more information about a high school option here at Stratton. There was also discussion of possibly hiring a consultant.

4. **Covid 19 Update - We continue to pool test on Mondays and Wednesdays. We currently have 4 students out due to Covid-19. It was also noted that we are not required to report our monthly vaccination rate any longer.**
5. **Opening of Bus Bids – This was tabled from the last board meeting to see if we received any further bids on Bus #17. No further bids were received and Barry noted that we will have another bus in July that will not pass inspection. The board decided to award the bid of \$500.00 to Justin Wyman.**
6. **Remote Learning Plan Approval – Barry presented our plan to the Board for approval. There was discussion on Snow Days vs. Remote Learning Days in bad weather. It was decided that we will continue to use our 5 days that are allowed for Snow Days. If we do go over the 5 days, then we will do Remote Learning days. The board is also in support of scheduled Remote Learning Days, as needed.**

Barry mentioned that Basketball has started and we have good numbers. Johnny Walker and Caitlin Wyman will be coaching.

VI. School Chair's Report

- VII. Public Comment – Jeff Brickley mentioned that next Tuesday night there will a town meeting at the Community Building to discuss a TIF for a possible Data Center that is interested in locating their business in town.**

Tabitha Emery spoke to the board, as the President of the Teachers Union, asking them to consider next Wednesday, December 22, as a Remote Learning Day. Teachers would send home packets with students with no direct contact with teachers that day. The work would not be expected back until after the holiday. Mrs. Emery has experienced staff fatigue and this would be a great way to regenerate where the day was scheduled as an Early Release.

The board was in full agreement and approved Wednesday, December 22, 2021 as a Remote Learning Day as a thank you to staff for their hard work!

VIII. Discussion Items

1. **Opening of Bids – J. Brickley motioned to accept the bid of \$500.00 for bus #17, D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor 3-0.**

Action Items

1. **To see if the Board will approve the Remote Learning Plan as presented? J. Brickley motioned to approve the Remote Learning Plan as presented, seconded by D. Richards. Vote in favor: 3-0.**
2. **To see if the board will enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter? (1 MSRA 405(6)(1))**

J. Brickley motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:27, seconded by D. Richards, to discuss a personnel matter. Vote in favor 3-0.

- IX. Adjournment – The board came out of Executive Session at 7:47 and the meeting adjourned.**