


**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022  
5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**



- I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair  
S. Strunk & J. Brickley absent**

**Deirdre Frey, Marie-Eve Chouinard, & Jany Pepin present.**

- II. Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 1/11/22 Board Meeting? S. Fotter motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor 3-0.**

- IV. Welcome Guests - Tabitha Emery – Mission & Vision Statement**

**Tabitha spoke to the board about different projects she has been working on while taking educational leadership classes. One of the projects was working and Employee Handbook. Another project was working on our Mission and Vision statement. Tabitha spoke of how she had the staff separated by pods to work on the statements, of which the staff voted on. She presented to the board the outcome of the staff vote; One mission statement and two options for our vision. She handed out the statements to the board for review and asked for input and hopes that we can vote on accepting the statements in March. Tabitha will also provide a copy of the Employee Handbook she has been working on, to the board**

- V. Superintendent's/Principal's Report**

- 1. School Updates – we have gone 3 weeks with no Covid-19. The CDC and Dr. Shaw will meet next week to discuss the mask mandate in schools in hopes that masks will be optional. It was noted that masks will still need to be worn when riding a bus as that is a federal law not state.**
- 2. Staffing**
  - 1. Teacher Sabbatical – Katie Wuori is looking to take a 12 week sabbatical at the beginning of the year or a few days after school starts, depending if there is a significant increase in our population. She would like to work on getting the garden curriculum finalized and also work on the gifted and talented program.**
  - 2. French – As discussed previously, Barry noted that French will be taught K-8 next year. Ragan Beauregard will be a half time teacher and work as a Special Ed. Ed . Tech. the other half.**
- 3. Rangeley Open House – Some board members, parents and staff recently attended an Open House presented at Rangeley School. Everyone felt that Rangeley did a great job and that they have a lot to offer. They do not currently teach French, as they teacher Spanish, but noted that they would be able to make something happen.  
It was noted that we would also like to have MSAD #58 host an Open House as well. Barry said that after vacation he plans to meet with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to see what they are thinking for school choice for next year.**
- 4. Carrabassett Valley Student Considerations – Barry let the board know that he had been contacted by 3 different families about them transferring their children to Stratton School next year. There are 5 students at this time. Barry was asked if we would have room for CV students and said we will make it work.**

5. **2022-2023 Budget – Barry told the board that Susan Tuttle, from our Business Office would be at Stratton School tomorrow to go over the budget for next year. We are in hopes to be able to vote on the budget at the next meeting in March.**

## **VI. School Chair's Report**

### **VII. Public Comment**

**Deidre Frey was present and spoke as a representative of the CV school committee. The school committee sent out a survey to taxpayers asking about how they felt about the education of their children. There were four main themes that arose:**

- 1. People enjoy having school choice as it now stands.**
- 2. Very pleased with the K-8 options including KES and Stratton.**
- 3. If there needs to be more done for CV students, then do it.**
- 4. There are extreme concerns about the secondary choice with the current restructuring (with the exception of CVA).**

**Deidre also spoke from a parent perspective. She stated she would like to figure out a more local option. She feels that adding a 9-12 option to Stratton School may be key in keeping families in the area. She would like to check on the feasibility and stated the CV may be able to help with the cost of that. Deidre spoke to being proactive rather than reactive.**

**Casey stated that the board would like to discuss options and the possibility of a feasibility study when all board members are present.**

### **VIII. Discussion Items**

- 1. Adjustment to the Agenda**

### **IX. Action Items**

- 1. To see if the board will approve a Sabbatical for Katie Wuori?  
D. Richard motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Vote in favor 3-0.**

### **XI. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**