

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 2/08/22 Board Meeting? D. Richards motioned to approve. J. Brickley seconded. Vote in Favor 4-0. (S. Strunk abstained from voting as she was not present at the last meeting and had not read the minutes).**
- IV. Welcome Guests**
- V. Superintendent's/Principal's Report**
 - 1. School Updates**
 - 2. Covid-19 Update – Barry reported that this is the 6th week with no positive case for Covid-19. The CDC has changed the mask guidelines on busses as of February 25. Masks will be optional at Stratton School beginning Wednesday, March 9. We will continue to pool test and provide rapid tests as needed.**
 - 3. Search Committee Meeting – The Search Committee met today and will have 3/15 – 3/22 to review applications in the office. The group will meet again on 3/22/22.**
 - 4. Mission/Vision Statement – Tabitha Emery presented a final Mission & Vision Statement for review and for a vote tonight. The board did vote to approve.**
 - 5. Feasibility Study – The board was all present to have a discussion on the possibility of a Feasibility Study being done on the option of a 9-12 school here in Stratton. It was a great conversation with a few of the concerns noted below:**
 - Socially small classes
 - High School Labs – High School Chemistry & Biology
 - Relying on Tuition money
 - Can the town take on the liability if no Tuition Money
 - Could take 10 years before we would see a school
 - Carrabassett Valley Conversation to bring back to their board
 - Carrabassett Valley to do the Feasibility Study of their own High School
 - 6. Summer Professional Development – Barry spoke to the board about holding another one day professional development day this summer. This extra day would be paid through Title III funds and asked that the board approve this.**
 - 7. 2022-23 Budget Summary – Barry presented the 2022-23 Budget Summary that Susan Tuttle from the business office prepared. Barry also noted that there is no increase in taxes for education to the town again this year.**

Barry also spoke to the board about the CV Enrichment Fund. They used to provide \$7,000 to each school for enrichment. They now have a short application process to apply for funds of which most schools do not participate in. Anne Flight applied for funding for a new kiln in the Art Room and she was awarded the \$5,000 to purchase it.

Barry noted that we now have 95 students and was recently contacted by four families from Carrabassett Valley about transferring to Stratton next year instead of attending Kingfield School.

VI. School Chair's Report

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Discussion Items

1. Adjustment to the Agenda

IX. Action Items

J. Brickley motioned to accept the Mission & Vision Statement as presented and written. S.Fotter seconded. Vote in favor 5-0.

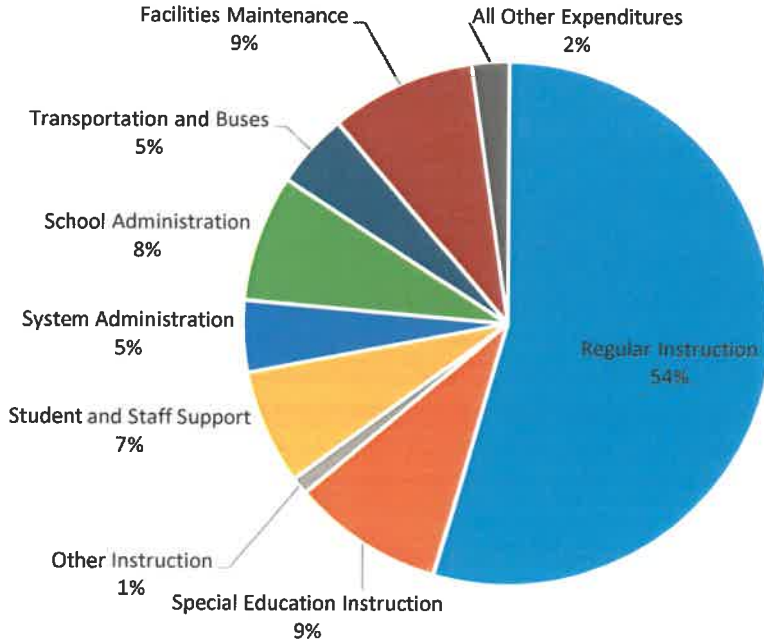
J. Brickley motioned that Stratton School is not interested in a Gr. 9-12 Feasibility Study at this time. S. Strunk seconded. Vote in favor 5-0.

To see if the board will approve one day of Summer Professional Development for teachers? S. Fotter motioned to approve. J. Brickley seconded. Vote in favor 5-0.

X1. Adjournment

BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY22 Budget	FY23 Budget	\$ Variance	% Variance
Local Funds	1,846,773	1,930,773	84,000	4.5%
State Funds	49,038	135,097	86,059	175.5%
Other Revenues	3,000	3,500	500	16.7%
TOTAL REVENUES	1,898,811	2,069,370	170,559	9.0%
Regular Instruction	1,131,869	1,290,283	158,414	14.0%
Special Education Instruction	224,821	221,233	(3,588)	-1.6%
Other Instruction	21,742	25,442	3,700	17.0%
Student and Staff Support	167,643	168,497	854	0.5%
System Administration	100,799	105,214	4,415	4.4%
School Administration	179,444	186,056	6,612	3.7%
Transportation and Buses	69,567	109,106	39,539	56.8%
Facilities Maintenance	208,644	210,147	1,503	0.7%
All Other Expenditures	65,000	55,000	(10,000)	-15.4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,169,529	2,370,978	201,449	9.3%
BUDGETED USE OF FUND BALANCE	270,718	301,608	30,890	11.4%



CALCULATION OF TARGET UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

Beginning Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 159,811
Plus FY2022 Estimated Actual Revenues	1,940,000
Less FY2022 Estimated Actual Expenditures	(1,890,000)
Plus FY2022 Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	270,718
Fund Balance at Year End Available to Be Allocated	480,529
Less FY2023 Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	(301,608)
Less *Tentative* Addition to Capital Reserve	(100,000)
Remaining Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 78,921
Maximum Allowable Unassigned Fund Balance <i>(no more than 5% of FY2022's budgeted expenditures)</i>	\$ 108,476

NOTES

- No increase in Local Taxes for the 8th year in a row.
- 9.0% increase in revenue, largely due to rise in expected tuition revenue and \$86k increase in State funding
- 9.3% increase in total expenditures, but no additional burden to the taxpayers. Partially attributable to additional employees for increased tuition students, previously paid with COVID grants
- Up to \$100,000 to be added to Reserves, contingent on fund balance at FY22 year-end.

For adoption on 3/8/2022

Final Mission:

Our mission is to provide high quality experiential learning opportunities that foster creative and critical thinking, and globally responsible students in a caring, supportive setting.

Final Vision:

Stratton School envisions a student body engaged in activities that foster confidence socially and academically in a community based on equity and support.

We embrace the individual needs of all learners while creating a love of learning beyond the classroom and inspire them to leave their world a better place.

Final Motto:

Come Grow With Us