EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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 9/13/22 Board Meeting? S. Strunk motioned to approve. J. Brickley seconded. Vote in Favor: 5-0
- IV. Welcome Guests
- V. Principal's Report
- 1. School Updates Tabitha noted that the Harvest Fest was a success with approximately 150 people in attendance.

In year 2021 our enrollment was at 87, 2022 enrollment 93, at present we are at 104 and will be at 106 by December 5th.

Tabitha noted that this is a negotiation year for the Teacher's Union. This process takes place in January/February.

Tabitha let the board know that Bus #19 should be put out to bid as the bus will not pass inspection. The board should vote tonight if we should put it out to bid.

On November 10, Peter F. and some Mason's, will be at school to do a Flag Ceremony, for Veteran's Day, with staff and students at 11:00 and then will be burning some old flags out front in a barrel during the recess times.

- 3. Border/Customs Patrol Use of Building Tabitha was contacted by the Border/Customs patrol to use our building for training again this year. There was some discussion on some of the damage that was done during the last training. Barry was in support of the group using the building again during February break. The more agencies that are familiar with our building will be better for security. Barry would like to meet with them prior to the training to go over expectations for how the building will be left after the training.
- 4. Sports Concerns Tabitha noted that we have dates set for Ski/Skate. We have been advertising for an After School Program Coordinator and no one has applied. Tabitha noted that she has received a \$5,500 grant from the Sugarloaf Charitable Trust for the After School Program.

Tabitha has put up a sign up sheet for students who are interested in winter sports. There is a list for Girls & Boys Basketball as well as Skiing. There is a possibility for a student to do both basketball as well as skiing. Tabitha has reached out to Carrabec, Madison and Farmington for possible games. She should be receiving a schedule soon from Kristina Stevens from MSAD #58.

Tabitha told the board that both MSAD #58 and CVA has Narcan in their building. The Narcan would be kept in the same box as the AED so an alarm will sound when opened. Tabitha handed out the policy prepared by Maine DOE and Trisha. Training would be offered to staff that are interested.

The board accepted the Naloxone Policy as presented, will review the policy and vote on it at the December board meeting.

5. Covid -19 Concerns - The question has come up if a staff member is covered for sick days used if they were to get Covid - 19. According to Maine Statue: 15 max paid leave days will be granted to staff who have to be absent due to Covid-19, that have less than 60 days of sick leave. If any staff has 60 days or more of sick leave, this does not apply.

Vi. Superintendent's Report

- 1. Board Policy Update Barry spoke about the board policy and that it should be ready between now and Spring. Barry told the board that we should set aside a special meeting to make any updates.
- 2. Other Legal Documents Barry mentioned that the board needs to be more timely on their approval of warrants. There is a warrant each Friday, either payroll or payables that need to be approved.
- 3. Barry recently attended a Carrabassett Valley School meeting, along with Kate Punderson from CVA and Regina Campbell, Superintendent from CV along with other CV that were present. The meeting was to discuss what the future holds for MT. Abram High School. There was a motion made to table any discussion on any further changes in MSAD #58 for two years.

There was an update on Rangeley High School and what they will offer for sports this winter. They will offer a ski team for next year. There was discussion on the bus connection between Stratton and Rangeley is working well. It was suggested that we reach out to both Mt. Abram High School and Rangeley High School to set up an Open House for each again later this year.

Barry brought up the budget and will bring an updated Budget for the December meeting for review.

There is also a Food Corp meeting scheduled for tomorrow to talk about the Foot Corp position for next year.

VI. School Chair's Report

1. Sidewalk Update - Casey reported that she had been in touch with Steve St. Jean, Town Selectmen regarding installing speedbumps along School St. to slow down traffic. Steve told Casey to reach out to the DOT. School Street is considered a town road. Casey will reach out to Tim Soucy, Traffic Engineer, out of the Wilton Office.

There was some discussion on ideas of what the town could do with the old print shop property, that the town now owns, that abuts the school playground.

Tabitha did bring up the fact that we need to do something about the wall of windows that are leaking in the gym.

Jeff Brickley asked Barry and the board if the Lions Club could use the school this year for their Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner at noon on December 4th. It was agreed that the Lions Club can use the facility.

It was noted that we hope to have Senior Citizens Lunch start back up again in January/February.

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Discussion Items

1. Adjustment to the Agenda

IX. Action Items

- X. 1. To see if the board will approve to put Bus #19 out to bid? J. Brickley motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Vote in favor: 5-0.
- XI. Adjournment the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.