

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023  
MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair  
S. Strunk was absent.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 1/10/23 Board Meeting? J. Brickley motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor 4-0.**
- IV. Welcome Guests - Garden Update (Katie, Anne, Erin) Katie Wuori was present to speak to the board regarding the Farm to School Garden Coordinator position for next year, replacing Erin Greateorex from the Food Corp. Katie presented two different job descriptions for the board to review. There was discussion on how to fund the position. The board will revisit at the February board meeting. Katie also noted that she would plan to attend the Carrabassett Valley Board meeting in February as well.**

**Principal's Report**

- 1. School Updates – Tabitha announced that we received a letter of Resignation from Jim Bellwood. He will work until the end of June of 2023. He would like to continue to be used as a sub bus driver and custodian when needed.  
Tabitha was also notified by Greg Siekman that he will not be able to coach Baseball this spring as he has taken a job out of the area. Tabitha will reach out to Rangeley School regarding Baseball as MSAD #58 will not have a “B” team for Baseball.  
Ski/Skate begins this Friday and there is also a Ski Race for the ski team.  
We have the following numbers for Winter Sports:  
Ski Team – 11  
Cheering – 11  
Girls Basketball – 11  
Boys Basketball – 10  
We are hoping to start offering Senior Citizens Lunch once again starting at the end of the month.  
Present enrollment is 105**
- 2. Bus Position – With Jim Bellwood’s resignation we will be posting bus driver positions. We will be looking for (2) part time drivers with no custodial position involved.**
- 3. Maine Huts & Trails – Tabitha was recently contacted by Tom Hildreth who is interested in supporting us attending the Maine Huts and Trails. He let Tabitha know that he has fully funded our school’s participation from 2023-2026.**
- 4. Tabitha was contacted by MSAD #58 and they offered for us to join them for their Alice Training (Safety Drill) at their March workshop.**
- 5. Stratton Lumber is providing another \$3,000 grant. Anne Flight would like to purchase Apple Pencils for Art. Tabitha also mentioned the Robotics Cart that was just purchased with grant money for the Library.**
- 6. Tabitha shared Willow Emery’s project that she recently worked on as a member of NHS at MTA. She selected a project for Stratton School as a way to give back to her school she attended from Gr. 4 – 8. Willow worked on and organized a “Care Closet” for Stratton School. She organized food, clothing and other supplies in the closet so that items could be found with ease.**

## **V. Superintendent's Report**

- 1. Budget – Barry has been working on the budget with Susan in the business office. Barry also mentioned teacher negotiations. There should be 2 members of the board to meet with teacher representatives.**
- 2. Cell Booster – We will have radios purchased for the new bus and Bus #21, for better radio communication, as well as look into a Cell Booster.**
- 3. Schedule B (stipends) – We will need to add the Ski/Skate Coordinator position to the list of stipends.**
- 4. Bus Bid – Replacement – We did not receive any sealed bids on Bus #19 to be opened tonight at the meeting. There is \$20,000 worth of body work that needs to be done to pass inspection. It was decided to sell the bus for scrap metal.**
- 5. Maintenance Update – We will be contacting efficiency Maine and have an energy audit done on the school. The Gym wall with the windows has been an ongoing problem with leaks and will be looked at for replacing. Other items mentioned were more wood chips on the playground as well as gravel for the parking lot. The cement sidewalk in front of the building to the curb is also in need of repair.**

**Barry mentioned that he would like to look into the front office having a heat pump and cooling system this summer.**

**Barry also mentioned that we received the new tuition rate for this year and it has gone down \$2,000 as expected.**

**Barry noted that he would be attending the Eustis Selectmen meeting next month to talk about the town audit not being done as of yet and the possibility of the state holding back subsidy for our school.**

- VI. School Chair's Report - Casey noted that she had been in contact with the DOT and confirmed that School Street is a Town Road. There was discussion on speed bumps being installed or a meter displaying the car's speed. Casey will forward information from the DOT to Tabitha on speed bumps.**
- VII. There also was some discussion on the newly acquired town property next to the school, and what it could be used for in the future.**

## **VIII. Public Comment & Discussion Items**

### **IX. Action Items**

- 1. To see if the board will accept the resignation of Jim Bellwood at the end of the school year? J. Brickley motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.**
- 2. To see if the board will approve the Maintenance Director to sell the 2010 Freightliner Bus for scrap metal? J. Brickley motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.**
- 3. To see if the board will approve to spend up to \$135,000.00 for a new school bus? S. Fotter motioned to approve. J. Brickley seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.**

- X. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**