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**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2023
MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair
J. Brickley absent.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 2/14/23 Board Meeting? D. Richards motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Vote in favor 4-0.**
- IV. Welcome Guests**
- V. Principal's Report**
- 1. School Updates – The staff recently attended an “Alice” training at Mt. Abram High School from 8:00 – 10:00 on the Early Release Day. They will go back this Friday morning for practice what they had learned.**
 - 2. Basketball season went well and we are in the process of setting up a winter sports assembly.**
 - 3. Baseball and Softball sign up sheets are up. There are no “B” teams in SAD #58. We are looking to play Madison, Rangeley and the possibility Carrabec Rec league.**
 - 4. We are looking to hold a “Math Night” at school on March 30th in the gym. There is a climate survey that needs to be done by April 5, that may be done this evening as well.**
 - 5. Members of Mt. Abram High School came and did a presentation for the 8th grade and parents. There are currently 7 students that will be attending Mt. Abram High School next year. One student will be attending Mt. Blue High School in Farmington.**
 - 6. This year will be our 10 year celebration of being our own district! There may also be a Music/Art celebration this spring or at the end of May.**
- VI. Superintendent's Report**
- 1. Teacher Contract Negotiations (April) - The teacher contracts are up this year and should be negotiated right before or right after April vacation.**
 - 2. FY 2024 Budget Approval – We currently have 53 students who pay tuition and the budget is based on 46 students. Next year we will have 2 new buses on our lot and should last a while. It was suggested that we upgrade the facilities reserve. The board will make a motion to upgrade.**
 - 3. There was some discussion on looking into the windmill that SAD #58 has at Mt. Abram high School. Harrison, at Kibby Wind may also be a good source to reach out to.**
 - 4. Garden Open House – The Green Farm plans to do another plant sale for Mother’s Day. Dave Richards spoke about the grow dome and looking into a solution for the floor. Dave mentioned putting down landscape fabric and possible crushed shale. There was also mention of electric air fans to circulate the air. It was mentioned to have John LeBresque, electrician, to come back and put in another outlet, wire fans, etc.**
- VII. School Chair's Report - Casey mentioned there is another meeting scheduled in Kingfield on April 26. Sue and Casey are not available to attend. Sarah mentioned attending.**

Sarah noted that if the Celebration for the school is coupled with another activity it would bring in more exposure and more people. She also noted key people to be invited to the celebration such as: Mark Eastman, Mike Shea, Jean Gutman, John Usher, etc.

VIII. Public Comment – Shawn noted that the new bus has been ordered and should be delivered in early August. He also noted that he has been working with Energy Efficient – Efficiency of ME on a state approved audit on lighting and heating.

IX. Discussion Items

1. Adjustment to the Agenda

IX. Action Items

1. To see if the board will approve the 2023-24 budget as presented? S. Strunk motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.

2. To see if the board will approve moving \$50,000 from reserves to Facilities Upgrade? S. Strunk motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.

XI. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.