

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023  
5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Sarah Strunk called the meeting to order. Casey Cote was absent.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 10/10/23 Board Meeting? J. Brickley motioned to approve, seconded by S. Fotter. Vote in favor: 4-0.**
- IV. Welcome Guests - Paula Stevens was present to discuss our current situation as well as needs for the future in technology. The MLTI 2.0 equipment is going to be obsolete and therefore we would need to upgrade our equipment. Paula mentioned this upgrade would happen over the summer and the cost would be approximately \$5,000 - \$10,000.**
- V. Principal's Report**
  - 1. School Updates – Stratton School has recently been awarded grant money from Carrabassett Valley. Gr. 3 & 4 received \$1,000 for their outdoor classroom project. Gr. Pre-K/K received \$2,707 to purchase a Promethean Board for their classroom. Tabitha received a grant for \$7,000 to support the Garden Coordinator position as well as \$2,140 for school enrichment which would be used to bring in programs such as Chewonki, Dino Man from Vermont, and the Planetarium, back in the school.**
  - 2. Basketball Coaches – Tabitha noted that Johnny Walker is interested in being the Boys Basketball Coach, Lindsey Warren as the Girls Basketball Coach and Paula Stevens and Johnny Walker coaching skiing. She is looking for the board to vote on that this evening.**
  - 3. Tabitha also noted that we received a notice from Rachel at the town office about two board members, Sue Fotter and Dave Richards, term expiring and that papers are available at the town office on 11/22/23,**
- VI. Superintendent's Report**
  - 1. Staff Resignation – Retirement – Barry noted that he has received (3) resignation letters from staff. Sarah Strunk read the letters out loud from Alice Totman and Christine Carnahan on their resignation/retirement. Sarah also read a resignation letter from Kate Ray, our Garden Coordinator, who will be moving out of the area to care for her mother.**
  - 2. Security/Safety Report – Barry noted that there is grant that was written in Franklin County for Safety and Security. We are in the process of updating our security system as it is old and outdated. There has been a Security/Safety report received that Barry and the board will review.**

**On another note, Barry mentioned that he had met with other Superintendents in the area after the recent tragedy in Lewiston. He also mentioned how we met as a staff on Friday morning to check in and a plan if students were to return on Monday.**

- 3. Regional Education Collaborative – Barry, Tabitha and a school board will continue to attend this meeting to collaborate and share resources that are available. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Carrabassett Library.**

**VII. School Chair's Report – Casey was absent from the meeting but it was mentioned that due to busy schedules, Casey will continue to be the Chair of the board, with Sarah Strunk acting as Vice Chair or Co-Chair of the board. This will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.**

**VIII. Public Comment**

**IX. Action Items**

- 1. To see if the board will approve the hiring of Lindsey Warren as the Girls Basketball Coach? S. Fotter motioned to approve, seconded by J. Brickley. Vote in favor 4-0.**
- 2. To see if the board will approve the hiring of Johnny Walker as the Boys Basketball Coach? S. Fotter motioned to approve, seconded by J. Brickley. Vote in favor 4-0.**
- 3. To see if the board will approve the hiring of Paula Stevens and Johnny Walker as Ski Coaches? S. Fotter motioned to approve, seconded by J. Brickley. Vote in favor 4-0.**

**X. Discussion Items**

- 1. Adjustment to the Agenda**

**XI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.**