

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
MINUTES**

I. Call to order-Casey Cote, Chair

- all board members present
- Kathy was absent

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 12/12/23 Board Meeting?

J. Brickley motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. All in favor: 5-0

IV. Welcome Guests: Garden Committee

Katie Wuori and Amber McCormick present to talk about the happenings of the Garden committee.

Highlights:

*Trout added

*MS Cooking Challenge is getting planned

*The community cookbook was put together and sold to the community.

*Overall we're working on connecting and strengthening the farm to school movement.

V. Principal's Report

VI. 1. School Updates: Tabitha updated about the School Board Policy Book review from MSMA. Sarah Strunk will work with Tabitha to do the updates and bring them to the board for approval.

Jesse is working on Ski-Skate planning. The first Ski-Skate is Monday, January 22nd.

We are excited that Les Hayden got his license.

French/Art and the Classrooms are working collaboratively on a Coat of Arms Project that they are hoping to present to the parents in conjunction with a home Basketball game.

Mrs. Emery noted that she was hopeful that the board will consider hiring Amber McCormick as the Farm to School Garden Coordinator under action items.

VII. Superintendent's Report

We finally received the tuition rate on January 1st. EUTs pay 23-24 rate, so we will bill them for the current amount of school year. We use the 22-23 rate for CV and Coplin so they can budget accordingly. \$16,811 which is current and \$16,522 is the new rate. There is not a significant difference.

Auditor still doesn't have the audit done. Should be done by the end of February. There is a shortage of people completing these.

Kerri Warms from Energy Efficient Investments is coming on the 18th at 9:00 am, to give her presentation. Barry invited the board to meet and he will bring additional information to the next meeting.

Barry is reaching out to set up more meetings with the town about the bus garage proposal at the Nadeau House.

Barry briefed the board that Sheila Lecander will be moving to Title 1. There will be some other changes happening. We will be posting an open position.

We will have an initial budget meeting in February.

Tabitha is working on replacing the maintenance position as Tim is leaving February 16th.

VIII. School Chair's Report- Co Chair discussion

Sarah and Casey will tag team the Chair position. Sarah will be vice chair.

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjustment to the Agenda

XI. Action Items

- 1. To see if the board will hire a Amber McCormick as the Garden Coord/Ed. Tech. for the remainder of the year?** S. Strunk motioned to approve. S. Fotter seconded. Vote in favor 5-0.

XI. Adjournment

J. Brickley motioned to adjourn. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:12 pm.