



**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
5:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Jeff Brickley	Chair	Term 2028
Sarah Strunk	Vice Chair	Term 2029
Jamie Ilsley		Term 2027
Jed Whiting		Term 2027
Bret Gundlah		Term 2028

- I. Call to order** - Jeff Brickley, Chair
All present
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 8/11/26 Board Meeting?** - Jed motioned to approve, Jamie seconded, vote in favor 5-0
- IV. Adjustments to the agenda**
 - Add action plan for mill to use school grounds as emergency evacuation plan
- V. Welcome Guests:**
 - Katie Wuori & Ragan Beauregard - discussing sugaring trip to Pepin's in Canada - insurance is all set, registration will require a USDOT#, van would be max of 9 students, will get more info regarding USDOT# or rental costs and bring back next meeting
 - Grace Chamberlain - Healthy Community Coalition presentation - last year did 2 curriculum here with students (MIYHS), Maine Prevention & Alford provide funding, data from MIYHS surveys for Franklin County, programs for substance/vaping/tobacco prevention & lifeskills
- VI. Principal's Report**
 - School Updates from Tabitha
 - Fire Dept visit (Jed) to school for updating emergency plan for the mill - looking to use school property, 50-60 people possibly use gym if inclement weather
 - School needs to update the evacuation plan for recent changes
 - Enrollment - 83 total/8 Coplin/21 CV/3 UT/7 Super agreements/ 44 local
 - Tabitha received her superintendent certification
 - 3 year sprinkler check failed, repairs done 9/4th
 - Walkin freezer had issues repairs have been made
 - A non-trespass order was filed with Franklin County Sheriffs for a person loitering on school grounds evenings
 - Back to school BBQ was a great turn out
 - Ed Tech interviews being done this week
 - Jamie/Tab to attend regional board meeting
 - Recommend starting 8th grade trip planning
 - Thanks to Stratton Lumber for all their donations to make some needed repairs

VII. Superintendent's Report

- Address a policy related to head lice
- New bus build to start mid Oct, no delivery date yet, first payment made
- Carrabassett housing unit approved, hopefully will add to enrollment #'s
- As enrollment drops start discussing how this affects the budget
- 90-95+ students is the ideal goal

VIII. School Chair's Report

- US has dropped to 13th in literacy, just a fact he wanted to share
- State school board conference coming up Oct 29/30th in Augusta, cost would be \$360 per person

IX. Public Comment

- Dakota Bell & Nicole Myers discussed concerns for head lice at the school, feels policies and duty of care failure, wants more checks and protocols implemented (Tabitha noted that there have been no official reports from homes or nurses for lice this school year)

X. Action Items

1. Board formally authorize the use of \$85K from the Emergency Reserve for the purchase of a bus during the 2026-27 fiscal year - Jamie motioned to approve, Jed second, vote in favor 5-0
2. To see if the board will accept resignation from Caitlyn Wyman, Ed Tech - Jamie motioned to approve, Bret second, vote in favor 5-0
3. To see if the board will accept resignation from Dr. Torgersen and authorize nurses to start search for replacement for 27/28 school year - Jamie motioned to approve, Bret second, vote in favor 5-0
4. Fire department updating emergency plan/evacuation at mill and use of school property - Jed motioned to approve, Bret second, vote in favor 5-0

Xi. Adjournment

- meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm, Jamie motioned to approve, Jed second, vote in favor 5-0