

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY. MARCH 12, 2024
MINUTES**

I. Call to order – Sarah Strunk, Vice Chair

Casey Cote was absent.
Jeff Brickley by phone.
Jamie Ilsley was present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 2/13/24 Board Meeting? D. Richards motioned to approve. J. Brickley seconded. Vote to approve 3-0

IV. Welcome Guests:

V. Principal's Report

1. **School Updates – The State came and inspected the kitchen which passed. Thayer came to check on the freezer temperature. They will be back when no students are present during April vacation to do the repair. Tabitha noted that Perfect Turn at the Mountain complimented our kids being respectful during Ski/Skate.**
2. **Tabitha noted that she has ordered new Softball Jerseys for the girls team with a donation made by Stratton Lumber. There will be a baseball meeting in the gym to try to recruit boys to play. We currently have only 4 people signed up for Baseball. Barry mentioned if we don't have enough boys signed up for Baseball that maybe we could set up some scrimmages so that the boys don't lose their baseball skills, by not playing for a year.**

We are in the process of setting up interviews for the middle school position as well as special education position. We also have an interview for the night time custodial position. Chewonki will be back in the school with an Owls presentation this week.

The Franklin County Sherriff's department recently hosted a Community "Keep children safe" meeting. The Maine Healthy coalition was also present.

Mt. Abram High School also hosted a meeting with 8th grade students interested in attending Mt. Abram next year.

During February vacation the Border Patrol held a training in our building so that they were familiar with our building. Only a few blanks were handed in to the office.

Superintendent's Report

1. **EEI Proposal Update – Barry presented to the board EEI's Project Scope Options on the Solar and heating project. (Information attached). He noted that we had posted an Ad in the Daily Bulldog that we are currently looking for an energy company to help with our energy needs at the school at present and in the future. The Ad will run through March 15, 2024. EEI is the only company that has responded with interest at present.**

There was discussion with the board on the options. Barry suggested that we proceed with the application process with EEI by April. If we decide not to move forward with the project, we can retract the application.

2. **CV Contract 24-25 – Barry shared the CV Tuition Contract with the hopes of having it signed tonight. Sarah felt we should wait until the next meeting and have Casey sign the contract. In the meantime, Kathy will scan a copy to the other board members for review.**
3. **Barry brought up the Technology needs at school and what we have presently needs to be replaced. Brice, a representative from A-3 Communications came last week and walked around to see what our needs are for cameras. He felt that we need 6 cameras, 4 inside and 2 outside. With a grant through the Sherriff's department, the grant would cover 75% of our costs. Brice also thought that we could have both front doors in the entry secured and the ability to use an intercom with no additional construction to that area. Barry also noted that the Neil, from the Lions Club had approached him and mentioned that the Lions is interested in making a donation to the school for security.**

VI. School Chair's Report – Sarah welcomed Jamie Ilsley to the board meeting. Sarah also mentioned that the board should plan to attend the MSMA Conference in the Fall. Kathy will be on the lookout for information on the conference next Fall.

Sarah also mentioned the MSMA policy that needs to be updated. It was decided that Tabitha and Sarah would meet at 4:30 before the next board meeting at 4/9/24.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjustment to the Agenda

X. Action Items

XI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Project Scope Option	Budget Cost	Budget Savings	Rebate
Solar op. 1- 125 KW array	\$465,500	\$30,000	\$134,662
Solar op. 3 147 KW array	\$546,750	\$30,000	\$191,363
Classroom VRF	\$756,000		\$320,000
Opt.1 Admin VRF System	\$35,000		\$72,000

Performance Contract Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Annual Cashflow

10 Year lease Option

	Project Cost	Yearly Savings	Est. Yearly Payment 10 Year Lease (in addition to the associated energy savings)
Solar Project (125kw)	\$465,500	\$30,000	\$11,000
Solar Project (147kw)+ VRF (CLRM + Admin)	\$1,337,750	\$38,000	\$90,000

15 Year Lease Option

			Est. Yearly Payment 15 Year lease
Solar Project (125kw)	\$465,500	\$30,000	\$0
Solar Project (147kw)+ VRF	\$1,337,750	\$38,000	\$60,000

1 Preliminary Project Examples

Notes

Through a tax exempt lease purchase EEI guarantees the yearly savings and performance of the design.

The first payment is not due until 1 YEAR after the contract (at construction completion), so there is an option of utilizing existing budget funds in the amount of the rebate, to buy down the project cost, which would reduce the financing amount and then at replensih that money when the rebate is recieved.

In these estimate analysis, I used the rebate to make the first year payment. If that approach was taken, then your first payment from within the budget would not be until your 2 payument (3 years from the date of the contract)