

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, December 10, 2024
MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Co-Chair (Casey was absent)
S. Strunk called the meeting to order.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 11/12/24 meeting? J. Brickley motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor 4-0.**
- IV. Welcome Guests**
- V. Principal's Report**
- 1. School Updates – Tabitha mentioned that Bus #15 is going to be taken out of commission. Specialty Services has been here to check on the heat that is not working in some classrooms. Shawn has been working on receiving quotes for fuel oil. It looks like we will go with Fabian for fuel.**
 - 2. Kitchen Overage – Tabitha brought up the kitchen overage. You cannot have more than 3 months of operating costs in the budget. Tabitha was creative and put together a list of potential purchases that the state approved to take care of the \$72,422 overage. One of the items was to purchase a 14 Passenger van. This would be used to deliver lunches during the summer food program. Also, the garden coordinator would be able to use the van to purchase items for the garden as well as take students on field trips during their garden class time.
We also used the money to refinish the gym floor as that is our cafeteria. We do have some services planned as well for the walk in.

School Safety - Tabitha also just purchased 20 radios that Shawn is in the process of having programmed. Kathy, Shawn, Tabitha and staff will have radios

Tabitha mentioned that the senior citizens will be coming for a Christmas lunch next week and for a private show of the Christmas concert.**
- VI. Superintendent's Report**
- Barry noted that Tabitha, Shawn and he recently had a maintenance meeting, which typically takes place once a month. There was discussion on the plowing contract and noted that Shawn also does some plowing for Aboslut.**
- In January there is usually a light agenda and we will explain the new camera system to the board. The cameras should be fully operational in a week or so. We will discuss the radios and new camera system at the January meeting, for safety purposes and Ferpa.**
- Katie Wuori is planning to come to the January board meeting as well for updates on the Garden.**
- Tabitha noted that the 8th grade may come to the January meeting to discuss their class trip plans.**

- 1. EEI – Solar Project – The solar project application has been filed. There was discussion on the 3 Phase power. Barry noted that Jed Whiting mentioned that the biomass plant provides Stratton Lumber with energy. There was mention of the possibility of bio fuel from the biomass plant.**

VII. School Chair's Report - S. Strunk mentioned the email we received from Casey that she was not planning to take out papers to be on the school board. There was some discussion on who might be interested in running. J. Brickley mentioned that he would be interested in a co-chair of the board. Sarah noted that the town Meeting is in March, and papers need to be in by February 28.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Discussion Items

- 1. S. Strunk – discussion on Policy ACAAA-Transgender and Gender Expansive Students MSMA suggests just a discussion and review if need be for future consideration.**

IX. Action Items

- 1. To see if the board will approve to adopt policy ACAB-Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees as written for Eustis School Department policy? J. Brickley motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.**

X. Adjournment – J. Brickley motioned to adjourn at 6:00 pm. . D. Richards seconded. Vote in Favor 4-0.