

**EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
TUESDAY. FEBRUARY 11, 2025  
5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – Casey Cote, Chair  
S. Strunk arrived at Garden Committee.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 1/14/25 Board Meeting? J. Brickley motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.**
- IV. Welcome Guests: Garden Committee – Katie Wuori was present and showed a video of the students taking care of the garden from planting to harvesting. Students were well engaged and really enjoyed working and learning about the garden. They enjoy learning how we incorporate food that is grown in our gardens and used in our food program at school.**

**Katie noted that our school is one of five out of 315 to be recognized by the Maine DOE Math and Science Foundation. Katie also noted that our school has been chosen to be part of the calendar for Maine School Garden Network. Katie has had Amelia Sullivan with her veggie meter in a few times with her staff to track fruit and vegetables eaten by the students and staff.**

**Katie also let the board know that she had written a grant to employ a person to help with the gardens and apple orchard while she is away some this summer.**

**Gr. 8 Class Trip – they will come to our March or April board meeting.**

**V. Principal's Report**

- 1. School Updates – Tabitha was absent. Kathy read a note to the board prepared by Tabitha.**

**The Salad Bar is up and running and students are excited about it. We had a kitchen inspection recently and passed with flying colors. Basketball season is over for middle school. Both teams traveled to Madison on Friday for the Tournament where both teams competed against Carrabec. The girls team beat Carrabec and played in Madison on Saturday morning with a hard fought battle. Overall a successful season as we know it isn't all about winning but improvement. The ski team has attended 5 races and are at a State meet today (Tuesday) and have another one to round out their season on Saturday in Titcomb.**

**I have supplied a copy of a letter that I wrote for the town report for your review. The kids and staff are excited about February break!**

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

- 1. Bus #15 Disposal - Barry and Shawn both reported that Bus #15 will need to go out to bid as it has too many miles on it as well and won't pass inspection any longer as a bus. There was discussion on the CV Fire Department wanting the bus for training purposes. Once done with the training, it was recommended to be put out to bid.**
- 2. Barry brought up the Solar project with EEI. There was discussion on the attached data that was provided by Kerri Warms, from EEI. Barry noted that he was not comfortable**

and skeptical as there were a lot of moving parts. After further discussion with the board on the project, it was decided that the board is not ready to make any decision at present. The board thanked EEI for their hard work that they did on this project for us.

3. Barry mentioned that he and Tabitha have been working on a preliminary budget and would have something next month for the board to review. There will most likely be a town increase but unsure what that will look like. We have not increased the budget to the town in 12 years.
4. We have an overage of \$55,000 in the kitchen that needs to be spent this year. They are interested in purchasing a van to be used by our cook for summer rec meal deliveries at the Pines Beach. Shawn did his homework and found a place in NH that has 30-40 vans available, that are gently used and come with a warranty. Barry and Shawn will be traveling to NH after break to take a look at a van. They are looking for board approval of up to \$50,000 to be used to purchase the van. They are hoping to pick up a new van when they drive to NH.
5. Barry provided a copy of his letter of resignation as Superintendent after this year. Tabitha supplied a sample of a Superintendent Ad to post as soon as possible.

VII. School Chair's Report – Reminder to the board to write in candidates for our vacancy on the school board. Jed Whiting and Brett Gundlah are interested candidates. They should plan to be at the town meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. They also need to promote themselves so that people know that they are willing to serve on the board. We have one vacancy now with Casey leaving and Dave will be moving to Coplin mid-summer then there will be another vacancy.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjustment to the Agenda

X. Action Items

1. To see if the board will vote to approve to allow CV the use of Bus #15 for their Fire Department training? J. Brickley motioned to approve. S. Strunk seconded. Vote in favor: 5-0.
2. To see if the board will approve to put Bus #15 out to bid after CV use for training? J. Brickley motioned to approve. S. Strunk seconded. Vote in favor: 5-0.
3. To see if the board will approve up to \$50,000.00 on the purchase of a van? D. Richards motioned to approve. J. Brickley seconded. Vote in favor: 5-0.
4. To see if the board will approve the resignation of Barry London as Superintendent? S. Strunk motioned to approve. J. Brickley seconded. Vote in favor 5-0.

XI. Adjournment – J. Brickley motioned to adjourn at 6:52.