

EUSTIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

TUESDAY. MARCH 11, 2025

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

- I. Call to order – Sarah Strunk, Asst. Chair**
J. Ilsley joined the meeting at 6:00. Welcome Brett Gundlach our newly elected board member.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. See if the Board will approve the minutes of the 2/11/24 Board Meeting? J. Brickley motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.**
- IV. Welcome Guests: Gr. 8 students, some parents and Mrs. Stevens were present to speak to the board about their class trip. Each student spoke on the proposed trip to Portland. They are interested in Portland for it's history, inexpensive and close by. They will use the Van with Mr. Walker driving. They have an Air BNB reserved for their stay on June 4-5. Some fun events include:**
 - Space time – laser tag**
 - Zip line**
 - Climbing wall**
 - Sea Dogs ball game**
 - Maine Mall food court**
 - Escape room for team building**
 - Tour the Old Port**
 - Beal's Old Fashioned Ice Cream**

The trip will be paid for with funds that the students had raised at ball game concessions, meadow muffin, and other food sales in town.

Brett mentioned to the class about a Ferry ride to Peaks Island where there is a beach with sea glass.

The board did approve the trip.
- V. Principal's Report**
 - 1. School Updates – Tabitha reported that there are currently 15 Softball players signed up with only 5 Baseball players. There is a possibility that we don't have a Baseball team for this year.**

There is Winter Sports Assembly this Wednesday at 1:30.

Thursday this week there is an early release and a Teacher Workshop on Friday to discuss AI work.

The cameras and door system are up and running and training will be soon.

We have Fly Fishing and Fly Tying in the gym on Wednesday this week.

Representatives from Mt. Abram will be here on Monday, March 17, to speak to the 8th grade class. Rangeley representatives will be here in the near future. We have 4 students in 8th grade attending Mt. Abram and 3 attending Rangeley School.
 - 2. Superintendent Update – We have one upper classroom teacher and one teacher from the lower grades willing to be part of the Superintendent Search Committee. Laureen Olsen would also like to be on the committee. Susan in our business office is also willing to help if needed. We currently have 3 candidates who have applied and we will set up interviews soon with the Search Committee.**

VI. Superintendent's Report

Barry noted that Brittany Garcienzzo is not coming back next year and we have received a letter of resignation from her. She is planning to stay home with her family and would love to come back in the future. The board voted to approve.

1. **Preliminary Budget Information** – Barry handed out preliminary budget information to the board. Barry explained each page to the board so that they have a clear understanding of all. We have not raised taxes for the school since we began as Eustis School Dept. This year we will have to go to the town. Barry made sure that the board fully understood each option presented also provided tuition money received and numbers raising and declining.

Option B was the option that best fit for us and the town. The board voted to vote on the option at the next board meeting in April. Barry noted that it would be good to have our selectmen understand our option presented so that they would be able to answer any questions if people from town inquire. Jeff Brickley will get in touch with Steve St. Jean, Chairman of the Selectmen and go over the option. It would also be helpful to know exactly what the residents in town would see as an increase on their individual bills for a better understanding.

It was mentioned to attend a Selectmen meeting and noted to let Rachel know if we plan to attend so that she has time to put it on their agenda.

2. **Van Purchase** – Barry reported that we have had a surplus of money in our food service program since we left SAD #58, and were instructed by the State to spend that money. Mrs. Emery was creative and wrote a letter about purchasing a Van so that we can deliver school meals to the Pines Campground during the Summer Rec. Program. At the last meeting the board had approved that \$50,000 could be spent to purchase a Van. Barry and Shawn went to Hoosick, NH recently and purchased a 14 passenger Van. Being a 14 passenger van, you are not required to have a CDL license. The van is a Ford and has 11,000 miles on it with a 350 frame on it, which could also haul a canoe trailer. Shawn left the van out front of the school for the board to look at after the meeting.

- ## **VII. School Chair's Report**
- Sarah brought up the Superintendent Search Committee getting together on March 27th at school at 5:00 to work on questions to be asked of the applicant. Jeff Brickley and Brett Gundlah would represent the board as part of the Search Committee. Sarah let the board know that anyone on the board could also be part of the Search Committee if they are interested.

Sarah also mentioned the MSBA Handbook is accessible on their website and she would send the link to the board members for their review.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjustment to the Agenda

X. Action Items

1. To see if the board will approve the 8th Gr. Trip as presented for June 4-5 to Portland this year? J. Brickley motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor: 4-0.
2. To see if the board will approve the resignation of Brittany Garcienzzo? J. Brickley motioned to approve. D. Richards seconded. Vote in favor 5-0.
3. To see if the board will approve Plan B of the Budget information presented to be voted on at the April board meeting: J. Brickley motioned to approve. B. Gundlah seconded. Vote in favor 5-0.

- ## **XI. Adjournment:**
- J. Brickley motioned to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. S. Strunk seconded. Vote in favor 5-0.