

TOWN OF STRATTON
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

September 1, 2016

APPROVED

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1st, 2016 at the Stratton Town Office. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDING: Siobhan Eddy Young, Director, Thomas Montemagni, Chairman, Bill Anton, WCSU Superintendent:

Modifications to Agenda: no modifications necessary.

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 30, 2016 regular monthly meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting between Stratton and Searsburg were read, and approved with the following corrections: Superintendent Pratt was stated as Superintendent Atwood, and the date March of 2017 was stated as 2018.

Residency Applications:

Janine Conti presented documents in support of her residency application. She has enrolled her two children at Burr and Burton Academy. One child will also be attending Mount Snow Academy during the ski season. Siobhan Eddy Young will contact Janine to determine her intent regarding that child's enrollment at BBA during the time he's attending MSA, given that Stratton will not pay simultaneous tuition to both.

Heather Coleman presented documents in support of her residency application. She has enrolled her child at Mountain School at Winhall.

The Stratton School Board's policy is that tuition is paid forward from the date of approval of residency. However, the Stratton School Board typically does not meet during the months of July and August. Therefore, if a family moves in to Stratton during the summer, their residency application approval falls after the start of the school year. School Board agreed today, (9/1/16), that when parent has completed residency application and had it notarized prior to the start of the school year, prior to the September School Board meeting, and then attends the September meeting, the School Board will count that application as timely. This allows payment of tuition coinciding with the start of the school year.

BILLING:

Sunny Lane Daycare, pre-K tuition, invoice 8/18/16, check #4330	\$ 1,500.00
The Mountain School at Winhall, 1st half tuition, invoice 39, check #4331	\$105,500.00
The Mountain School at Winhall, pre-K tuition, invoice 41, check #4331	\$ 1,545.00
WCSU, Final FY16 adjustment, invoice 7/11/16, check #4332	\$ 5,140.34
WCSU, quarter 1 assessment, invoice Q1 - 2017, check #4332	\$ 18,158.00
WCSU quarter 4 assessment, invoice Q42016, check #4332	\$ 4,997.00

The billing was reviewed, approved and signed.
The amount of the 9/1/2016 order was \$136,840.34

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to review.

Act 46:

Tom and Siobhan discussed with Bill Anton our decisions made at the preceding evenings meeting with Searsburg. Bill advised us that a formal 706 study committee is formed once a Chair is appointed. Since that step has yet to happen with towns involved in the RED discussion, Stratton is not actually formally engaged in a 706 study with that group, and therefore has no obligation other than to notify the other towns, and the BRSU, that we are not continuing with that discussion. Tom will notify in writing Jacqueline Wilson, the BRSU Superintendent, of that decision, copying the message to the Chairs of the other towns, (Sandgate, Winhall, Searsburg).

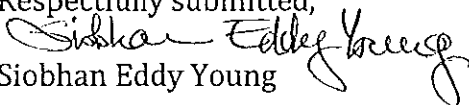
Thomas Montemagni motioned that Stratton enter into a side-by-side Act 46 study committee under the umbrella of the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded the motion, and the motion is approved.

Siobhan Eddy Young motioned to appoint to the new study committee 3 members: Thomas Montemagni, Stacie Chiodi, Melissa Walker. Thomas Montemagni seconded the motion, and the motion is approved.

Next steps: Siobhan will notify Chris Pratt, Superintendent of WSWSU, of our vote. Once Searsburg has had a similar vote, we will move forward with scheduling a study committee meeting. Bill reminded us that the study committee meetings are public, so other interested parties may attend and voice topics of concern, but may not vote.

As there was no other business, Siobhan Eddy Young motioned to adjourn the meeting and Thomas Montemagni seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Siobhan Eddy Young