

TOWN OF STRATTON STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES JUNE 4, 2015

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Stratton Town Office. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M.

ATTENDING: Thomas Montemagni, Chairman, Siobhan Eddy Young, Director, Lorraine M. Weeks Newell, Secretary, WCSU CFO Bud DeBonis and VT State Representative, Oliver Olsen.

NEW BUSINESS:

The minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting were read. Lorraine Newell motioned to approve and Thomas Montemagni seconded.

As was reported in the May 7, 2015 minutes, Lorraine Newell motioned to revise the Stratton Residency Policy F13 to include confirmation from the State of VT of legal homestead in Stratton Vermont as part of the required information given with the application. The changed document was posted with a final vote to be taken at the June 4, 2015 meeting. The revision to Stratton's Residency Policy F13 was addressed. Lorraine Newell motioned to approve the change and Thomas Montemagni seconded. All concurred.

Due to the change made in the application requirements, parents receiving tuition assistance from the town and who have not been shown to have a Vermont homestead will be contacted by letter informing them that future tuition assistance will be made provided that their homestead be confirmed by the State of Vermont.

An invoice from the Mountain School at Winhall in the amount of \$13,000 was received The school is requesting that a deposit of \$1,000 be made for each of the 13 students who will be attending for the 2105/2016 school year. Siobhan Young asked that at the start of the school year verification be made of the attendees. If it is found that a student for whom a \$1,000 deposit was made is not on the roster that the deposit be refunded.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Vermont State Representative, Oliver Olsen, met with the board to discuss the reform being made in Vermont's education system. Reform bill (H361) will provide opportunities as well as incentives for school districts to merge with objectives for saving money and improving educational opportunities for students. Visit the state website: State Legislature for more information.

WCSU CFO Bud DeBonis shared a copy of the H361 Education Funding, Education Spending, and Education Governance Report of the Committee of Conference with the Board. It gives a section by section summary of the bill.

BILLING:

Invoices for payment were received for:

Carol A. Joyce - May Counseling \$ 770.00

The Mountain School At Winhall - Ele. tuition deposit 13,000.00

Nancy Baginski Schachinger - Special education services 240.00

Stratton Mountain School - 2nd tuition installment 27,504.00

The 6/4/2015 order was reviewed and approved. The amount of the order was \$41,514.00

Billing was received from The Mountain School At Winhall for a Pre-K student. The Board had questions regarding the bill and will ask Town Treasurer, Allison Marcucci to contact the school office to address the Boards concerns. When satisfied, payment will be made.

As there was no other business, Siobhan Young motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lorraine Newell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell

Stratton School Board Secretary

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