

**APPROVED**

TOWN OF STRATTON  
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
MARCH 3, 2016

The Stratton School Board held its scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016 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 and WCSU Superintendent, Steven John.

**MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting were read. The announced tuition for Burr & Burton was stated for grades 7 thru 12. The minutes were corrected to read grades 9 thru 12. Lorraine Newell motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Siobhan Young seconded.

The minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting held at Manchester Elementary Middle School were read. Lorraine Newell motioned to approve and Thomas Montemagni seconded.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The first order of business was to conduct the Stratton school board organizational meeting.

Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Thomas Montemagni as school board Chairman. Lorraine Newell seconded.

Lorraine Newell nominated Siobhan Eddy Young as Vice Chairman. Thomas Montemagni seconded.

Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Lorraine M. Weeks Newell as Clerk. Thomas Montemagni seconded.

The regular monthly school board meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 P.M. at the Stratton town office from August 2016 thru June 2017.

Lorraine M. Weeks Newell made the motion that meetings be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules for small boards. Thomas Montemagni seconded.

Notices will be approved and published when necessary in the Brattleboro Reformer.

WCSU Representative is Vice Chairperson, Siobhan Eddy Young.

WCSU Policy Committee Member is Siobhan Eddy Young.

The Board signed the Stratton School Board payroll order for period 3/5/15 - 2/25/16.

The board reviewed the minutes of the annual Stratton School Board Meeting held on Meeting Day, March 1, 2016. Lorraine Newell motioned to approve the minutes and Siobhan Young seconded, all concurred. The minutes were signed.

Town Treasurer, Alyson Marcucci suggested that the Stratton school board be paid in June and January of the school year as opposed to a one time payment in March. Lorraine Newell motioned to change payroll distribution period from March to June and January. Thomas Montemahni seconded. All concurred.

WCSU Superintendent Steven John shared correspondence he received in response to a letter he sent to the State of Vermont Education Department regarding cost comparisons for the school bus transportation plan for the Windham School District. Secretary of Education, Rebecca Holcombe, has requested additional data for surrounding districts including Stratton, Dover or Marlboro before she can respond to this request.

**TUITION:**

A request has been made by Sunny Lane Daycare for Pre-K tuition for a Stratton resident attending the school. The cutoff date for preschool tuition is normally set at September 1st of the fiscal school year. The Board discussed the request and Siobhan Young motioned that tuition will be made up to \$1,500 as long as the funds are available in the budget. Thomas Montemagni seconded and all concurred. The Board requests that the invoice from Sunny Lane Daycare include the days of attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

In order to complete her residency file, the Board will contact Ms. Julianna Moore, who is receiving tuition assistance for her son, requesting that she provide a copy of her VT drivers license. At the December 2015 school board meeting, she assured the Board that she would send a copy of her license as soon as it was available. This is the Boards second request for the information.

**ACT 46:**

The Board and Superintendent John continued discussion of Act 46. The Stratton School District is in conversation with Winhall regarding joining to make one district. Jamaica was in contact with Stratton Chairman Montemagni with questions regarding merging districts. As was stated in the February 25, 2016 minutes, the districts of Sandgate and Ira are also considering options to join. Interested districts will meet in May 2016 to update information and form a study committee.

**School Board Payroll:**

Alyson Marcucci -	\$461.75	Check #4307
Thomas Montemagni -	\$831.15	Check #4308
Siobhan Eddy Young -	\$816.58	Check #4306
Lorraine Weeks-Newell -	\$1227.41	Check #4309

The Stratton School Board Payroll for period end date of 3/3/16 was reviewed, approved

and signed.

The amount of the order was \$3,336.89.

**BILLING:**

The following billing was received for payment:

Burr & Burton Academy - IEP Services - \$20,073.50 Check #4310  
Burr & Burton Academy - 2nd. semester tuition - \$48,962.76 Check #4310  
Burr & Burton Academy - speech & language services - \$2,265.25 Check #4310  
Siobhan Eddy Young - mileage 2/25/16 - \$29.70 Check #4312  
Kids In The Country Child Care - Pre-K - \$1028.52 Check #4311

The 3/3/2016 order was reviewed ,approved and signed.

The total amount of the order was \$72,359.73.

The Mountain School At Winhall - 3rd quarter special education services - \$131.25

**Check #4305**

The Mountain School At Winhall - speech and language services - \$399.95

**Check #4305**

The 2/9/16 order was reviewed, approved and signed

The total amount of the order was \$531.20.

As there was no other business, Lorraine Newell motioned to adjourn. Siobhan Young seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell  
Stratton School Board Secretary