

**Meeting Minutes**  
**TOWN OF STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.**

**Attending**

**Board:**

Allison Young (Chair)  
Melissa Walker  
Kellie D'Elia-Laskin  
Devon Crowther  
Claire Sears

**Administration:**

Bill Anton (Superintendent)  
Alyson Peterson (Treasurer)  
Laurie Garland

**Members of the Public**

Colleen Palmer

Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/7612562217> Meeting ID: 761 256 2217

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

**Modifications to agenda**

None

**Budget Meeting**

Ms. Garland first discussed the Windham Central budget and provided a brief overview.

The highlights are as follows:

- The budget was approved on 11/16/2022
- The budget is up but is offset by ESSER funds
- The Superintendent's assessment is up by 2.55% as is typical for the last 7 years
- The MTSS (academic support and special education) is up due to healthcare costs, but that was offset with fund balance
- Early childhood special education was the biggest decrease
- Board changed how assessments are passed to the school districts and this change will benefit Stratton
- Board put funds aside in the MTSS budget for equity concerns

Ms. Garland and Ms. Peterson discussed the Stratton budget. All budget documents will be sent out in the Town Report.

The highlights are as follows:

- The yield, as determined by the joint fiscal office, is higher this year.
- There is still 64 million surplus in the state's education fund.
- CLA is down by 12%.
- In an effort to keep the tax rate stable, \$180,000 in tuition expense was added to the budget, on top of the regularly budgeted for phantom students. Given the fact that the Town will complete a townwide reappraisal this year, the CLA is subject

to change which will likely result in the Homestead Education Tax rate dropping below the estimated \$1.60 as presented at the meeting.

- Stratton ended FY22 with roughly \$570,000 in reserve, with the potential to add another \$270,000 in FY23. This fund balance is being established to offset changes coming to Stratton in the next few years, most specifically, the implementation of the Weighting Study

Ms. Crowther moved to approve the FY 24 Stratton School District Annual Proposed Budget. Second by Ms. Sears. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Approve school board minutes from November 1, 2022, and December 6, 2022**

Ms. D'Elia Laskin motioned to approve the minutes from November 1, 2022. Ms. Crowther second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Walker motioned to approve the minutes from December 6, 2022. Ms. Sears second. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Review Correspondences**

An email from Peter Barus (records clerk), tendering his resignation, was read to the Board.

### **Review/approve order**

Accounts Payable order in the amount of \$154,935.76.

### **Any other business that may legally come before the board**

Ms. Young advised that her @townofstrattonvt.com is no longer used. Her [ayoung@windhamcentralboard.org](mailto:ayoung@windhamcentralboard.org) is the email address to use for board related matters.

### **Adjourn**

Ms. Sears motioned to adjourn. Second by Ms. D'Elia-Laskin. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Allison Young, Recorder, January 5, 2023