

STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2012

The Stratton School board held its monthly meeting on June 7, 2012 at 7 P.M. at the Stratton Town Office.

ATTENDING: Thomas Montemagni, chairman, Siobhan Eddy Young, Director, WCSU Superintendent, Steven John, Samantha Roy, Stacie Chiodi, Sian Read, Brian Sullivan, Elise Young, David Young and Molly Russo.

The minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting were read and approved contingent on correcting an error in the date referring to the minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting and not April 5, 2102. The correction has been made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Samantha Roy attended the meeting to submit her Stratton Residency paperwork and Pre-K application. She will be enrolling her son, Isaiah, in the pre-k program at The Mountain School.

Stacie Chiodi attended the meeting to submit her Stratton Residency paperwork and Pre-K application. She will need to have her residency affidavit notarized but all other paperwork was complete.

Sian Read attended the meeting to submit her completed Stratton Residency paperwork. Her son Matthew is entering Kindergarten at the Mountain School in the fall.

Brian Sullivan attended the meeting to submit his completed Stratton Residency paperwork and Pre-K application. His son, Brian, will be attending pre-k in the fall but as yet he is not sure at what school Brian will be enrolled in. They will contact the Board when they have decided which program Brian will attend. Mr. Sullivan needs to provide one or more documents to complete his packet and have his paperwork notarized.

Elise Young and her son David attended the meeting to submit the remaining paperwork to their application. As the paperwork is now complete the Board has approved tuition to Burr & Burton Academy to be paid from the date her residency was approved which was at the April, 2012 meeting.

Molly Russo attended the meeting to submit her Stratton Residency paperwork. Her son Luca will start Kindergarten at The Mountain School in the fall.

The above applications were reviewed and approved by the Board.

A letter from The Vermont Community Foundation regarding the \$6,000 grant for Pre-K funding was sent to Siobhan Young, Stratton School Board Director. The letter listed the amount, purpose and conditions of the grant. The amount of \$3,000 will be made in two installments. Copies of the letter were given to Steven John WCSU Superintendent and Stacie Chiodi, Bridge Grant Contact/Coordinator.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

As was reported in the May 2012 minutes, the residency of a family receiving tuition for two students is in question. Chairman Montemagni contacted them by letter asking that they contact the board either in writing or by attending the next school board meeting in order to clarify the matter. There has been no response. At the time of this report, a registered letter has been sent. The Board will ask Town Treasurer, Laura Hawksley, about tuition that has been paid to the schools. If the issue is not resolved, the Board will look at reimbursement for tuition that has been paid.

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Ms. Patricia Siegel, whose child is receiving tuition, was contacted and asked to complete a new Residency packet in order to update her file. She informed the Board of a change in her living status which resulted in the Board requesting this new information. As of this report, Ms. Siegel has not complied with this request. Therefore, a registered letter has been sent to remind her of the June 21, 2012 meeting at which time any questions regarding her residency can be answered.

As was reported in the May 2012 minutes, there were four outstanding residency packet updates that had not been returned. As of this report, the information requested has still not been returned. Therefore, the families will be contacted and asked to comply with this request. Two of these families have been previously referred to in these minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Town Treasurer, Laura Hawksley, has asked that the Board request a loan in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Stratton Select Board. There are not sufficient funds to pay the remaining Special Education invoices for the school year 2011/2012. The amount will be paid in full and without interest by June 2013. The Board approved and signed the request.

WCSU Superintendent Steven John reminded the Board that there will be an administrative service fee to the WCSU that will be deducted from the Pre-K Bridge Grant. He expects that the fee will be 8% of the grant amount of \$6,000 for a fee of \$480.00.

At this time, a Tuition Payment Policy has not been adopted by the Stratton Board. The Board will review the WCSU F16 tuition payment policy and make any necessary changes after which the Board can vote to adopt the policy.

BILLING:

Brattleboro Union H.S. Career Education – tuition	\$ 1,000.00
Burr & Burton Academy – Special Education services	2,458.27
Burr & Burton Academy – Instate tuition	3,260.12
(Partial School Payment for David Young – Pro-rated 4/5/12 – 6/2012)	
Carol A. Joyce - Special Education Services	910.00
Carol A. Joyce – Special Education contract	840.00
Carol A. Joyce – Special education Expenses	875.00
Mountain School At Winhall – Special Education Expenses	5,304.13
Mountain School At Winhall – Special Education Expenses	2,500.00
Windham Central Supervisory Union – Supervisory assessment costs	3,621.50

The June 7, 2012 order was reviewed and approved.

The total amount of the June order was \$20,769.02.

The final meeting of the Stratton School Board for the fiscal year 2011/2012 will be held on June 21, 2012 at 7 P.M. at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell
Stratton School Board Secretary

