

APPROVED

TOWN OF STRATTON
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
February 2, 2017
Stratton Town Office 7:00pm

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on February 2, 2017 at the Stratton town office. The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

ATTENDING: Thomas Montemagni, (Chair), Siobhan Eddy Young (Director), Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell (Clerk), William Anton, WCSU Superintendent.

No modifications to agenda.

Residency Applications: Linda and Michael Beyer attended the meeting to provide additional information in support of their residency application. They have two children attending area schools. Their file is complete. The Board advised the parents to contact the Town Office & Board if there are any changes in their residency status, contact information, schools attended, etc.

During the January 2017 meeting it was noted that another family's residency application file was not complete. That family was contacted, information was provided, and the file is now up to date.

Minutes: The minutes from the Jan. 5, 2017 monthly school board meeting were read. Siobhan Eddy Young motioned to approve the minutes, and Thomas Montemagni seconded. The minutes were approved.

The minutes from the Jan. 12, 2017 school board budget meeting were read. An amendment is needed: In the section labeled **Motions**, the wording "rental cost" needs to be changed to "amend the lease agreement". Thomas Montemagni motioned to approve the minutes, pending this change, and Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. The minutes were approved, pending the amendment to the minutes.

Act 46: The Board agreed to hold an informational meeting for the voters of Town of Stratton, on 3/2/17, 7pm, at the Town Hall, to alert voters to issues relevant to Act 46. Thomas Montemagni stated he'd work with the study committee to draft a "talking points" letter or agenda. That will be included with the notice of meeting, and will be mailed out with the Town Report.

The Board discussed with William Anton whether we needed to hire a consultant as we move forward in to next phase of discussion and planning for changes re: Act 46. Mr. Anton stated he knows of a consultant that is quite knowledgeable, and will provide the contact information to the Board Chair. The consultant will also be able to answer the question of

how the consultant's services are paid, (how to access the grant money available to pay for consultants).

We also discussed the issue of adjusting our membership from the WCSU to the BRSU. The voters of Stratton will vote on this issue at Town Meeting, and if agreed, then the Board will apply to the State for reassignment to the BRSU.

New Business:

The Stratton School Board approved the warning for the Annual School District Meeting, to be held March 7, 2017.

Thomas Montemagni reported on his meeting with the Stratton Selectboard on Jan. 23rd, 2017. He explained to the Selectboard what would be needed to reduce the estimated school tax rate. The Selectboard approved the request to increase the rental cost for the Stratton Rec. Area from \$60,000 to \$120,000 per year.

Correspondence:

William Anton brought a letter from Mance Engineering Partners, P.C., regarding an Act 250 impact statement for proposed construction on North Road. The Board Chair will respond to Mance Engineering, with a copy to William Anton.

The Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C. Auditors report for Fiscal year 2016 was reviewed. The Board will meet with the Town Treasurer to address items highlighted in the report.

Billing:

Burr & Burton Academy -- 2nd semester tuition/Spring 2017 -- \$46,448.70 CK#4352

The order was reviewed and approved.

The amount of the 2/3/2017 order was \$46,448.70

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Siobhan Eddy Young
Stratton School Board Director