

TOWN OF STRATTON **APPROVED**
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2014

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at the Stratton Town Office. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDING: Thomas Montemagni, Chairman, Siobhan Eddy Young, Director, Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell, Secretary, Superintendent of WCSU, Steven John and Mr. Boomer Walker.

The minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting were read. Chairman Montemagni noted that It was stated in the minutes that a clarification had been received regarding billing for Special Education services from The Mountain School at Winhall. There had been questions raised at the time of the February meeting and as a result payment in the amount of \$2,500 was not approved. In the interim of the draft of the minutes of the February meeting the concern was clarified. The clarification and subsequent payment of the bill should have been reported in the March 2014 minutes. As amended, Thomas Montemagni motioned to approve the minutes for the February 6, 2014 meeting and Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell seconded.

The February 6, 2014 minutes were also amended as follows: It was reported that the school board had reviewed and approved the school board payroll to be paid in March. The minutes are amended to state that the board reviewed and approved the attendance of board members at meetings held.

OLD BUSINESS: As was reported in the February 2014 minutes, the Board asked for clarification on billing received from The Mountain School at Winhall. The clarification was later received regarding the billing for quarterly Special Education costs and payment was made.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Boomer Walker attended the meeting to let the Board know that he is interested in enrolling his child in the Pre-K program for the 2014-2015 school year. He was given a copy of the Residential Policy and a Pre-K application. He provided two forms of identification. When the school forms are completed he will attend another meeting in order to review his paperwork and receive tuition approval from the Board. All applications for Pre-K must be submitted to the WCSU by July 1, 2014.

The next order of business was to conduct the Stratton School Board Organizational Meeting. Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell nominated Thomas Montemagni as School Board Chairman. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded.

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

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

The regular monthly school board meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 7P.M. at the Stratton Town Office from August 2014 thru June 2014.

Thomas Montemagni made the motion that the meetings be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules for small boards. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded.

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WCSU Representative is Vice Chairperson, Siobhan Eddy Young

WCSU Policy Committee Member is Siobhan Eddy Young

Town Treasurer, Laura Hawksley notified the Board of the difference in the amount that was budgeted for the state average tuition paid to private in state schools. At the time of town meeting day the amount had just been received resulting in a slight difference in what was listed and voted on at the annual school meeting for the 2014-2015 budget. There are 6 students receiving in state average tuition. The amount

originally budgeted was \$13,581 per student but is actually \$13,752 for a difference of \$171.00 per student and an increase in the budget of \$1,026. It is noted that the amount originally reported in the budget on meeting day was voted on and approved by the town with the knowledge that there would be a slight increase in the state average amount.

BILLING WAS RECEIVED FROM:

Burr & Burton Academy - High School tuition/private	\$	44,625.00
Burr & Burton Academy -Special Education Services		10,951.00
Carol A. Joyce - High School Special Education Counseling		735.00
Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C. - Audit expenses		353.00
The Mountain School at Winhall - High School Special Education services		6,241.13
The Mountain School at Winhall - High School Special Education services		2,673.47
The Mountain School at Winhall - High School Special Education services		9,466.13

The Board reviewed, approved and signed the order for March 6, 2014.

The total amount of the March 2014 order was \$75,044.73.

The Board reviewed, approved and signed the Stratton School Payroll.

The total amount of the payroll was \$2,573.61.

The Board reviewed, approved and signed the school payroll withholding tax.

The amount of withholding tax was \$426.40

As there was no other business, Thomas Montemagni motioned to adjourn and Lorraine Weeks Newell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell

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Stratton School Board Secretary