

**TOWN OF STRATTON
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

June 21, 2017
Stratton Town Office 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED

The Stratton School Board met on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the Stratton Town Office to continue discussion on Act 46 options, approve and pay end of school year billing, receive new residency applications and other requests for tuition assistance and address any other business that may legally come before the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

ATTENDING: Thomas Montemagni (Chair), Siobhan Eddy Young (Director), Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell (Clerk) William Anton (WCSU Superintendent), Kent Young (Stratton Town Clerk), Melissa Walker and Stacie Chiodi (Act 46 study committee members), Michael Culver and Allison Young (Stratton residents), and Claire Sears-MacGregor (residency applicant).

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Stratton resident Michael Culver attended the meeting to request tuition assistance for his son Michael who will be attending Maple Street School for the 2017/2018 school year. Mr. Culver has a daughter who is attending SMS. He provided a completed up-to-date copy of Stratton's Residency Policy with information which will be added to his current file.

RESIDENCY APPLICATION

Ms. Claire Sears-MacGregor attended to submit her completed residency policy and request tuition for her two children, Owen and Adie, for the 2017/2018 school year. In addition to the completed policy, she provided a copy of her lease agreement and postage label showing her name and Stratton address. She agreed to submit additional documentation to the office as it becomes available.

OTHER SCHOOL BUSINESS

Mrs. Alison Young attended the meeting to discuss concerns she has regarding her son's placement in a program that will best meet his future educational needs. He has been enrolled in the Mount Snow Child Care program. She submitted a letter from Carrie Dix, WCSU Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator and Danny's case manager/service provider. The letter gives an overview of his education program to date and suggestions that would best meet his future learning needs. WCSU Superintendent William Anton will contact Ms. Dix to discuss Mrs. Young's concerns and her request that he remain at Mount Snow Child Care. Superintendent Anton will report back to the Stratton board regarding the matter.

MINUTES: The minutes from the June 1, 2017 meeting were read. Lorraine Weeks-Newell motioned to approve the minutes and Thomas Montemagni seconded. The minutes were approved.

STRATTON RECREATIONAL AREA EASEMENT AGREEMENT: Chairman Montemagni signed the easement for Green Mountain Power Corporation's installation of electrical lines at the baseball field located at the Stratton Recreation Area.

The Board signed the agreement from Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C. for a Stratton School District audit for year ended June 30, 2017.

As was reported in the June 1, 2017 minutes, a check in the amount of \$6,184 was approved and paid to The Dover School for two PreK students at \$3,092.00 per student. As there was concern from The Dover School regarding the amount paid not being the full amount billed, the Board asked town Treasurer Alyson Hescocock to review records of past PreK tuition payments dating back to 2012. Pursuant to Code F16, the Stratton School District will provide tuition for students attending grades PreK-12 in accordance with state law. The amount on record has been \$3,000 per PreK student. Superintendent Anton will contact the Dover School regarding this issue and report back to the Stratton board.

The Stratton Tuition Payment Policy F16 can be found on the town webpage: www.townofstrattonvt.com.

BILLING 6/21/2017

Teri Brooks - Behavior Consultant - \$650.00 (CK#4365)

The 6/21/2017 order was reviewed, approved and signed. The total amount of the June 21, 2017 order was \$650.00.

BILLING 6/5/2017

Dover Elementary School - PreK Tuition-Two Students \$6,184.00 (CK#4364)
The 6/5/2017 order was approved for payment on 6/1/2017 and is being reported in the 6/21/2017 minutes.

ACT 46

Discussion continued with Act 46 and Stratton's merging with other like school districts. In an e mail from Tom Montemagni dated 6/20/17 to Donna Russo-Savage, Principal Assistant to the VT State of Education Secretary, Tom Montemagni addressed what action Stratton's representatives have taken including, but not limited to, meetings with other non operational school boards and study committees. An informational meeting held on March 2, 2017, Stratton residents reflected their desire to remain a stand alone district. He asked for an opportunity to discuss with her the specific issue of supporting an alternative structure. Ms. Russo-Savage replied by sending an outline of procedures,

requirements and proposals to be considered.

The Stratton School Board will hold an informational Act 46 meeting for town residents to be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. Residents will be notified by mail of the meeting.

MOTIONS:

Lorraine Weeks-Newell made the motion to authorize Thomas Montemagni to contact John Everett to request his proposal as a consultant and based on the proposal, authorize Chairman Montemagni to hire him as Stratton's Act 46 consultant. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. The motion was passed.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell".

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell
Stratton School Board Secretary