

**APPROVED**

**TOWN OF STRATTON  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017**

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Stratton town office.

**ATTENDING:** Thomas Montemagni, Chairman, Siobhan Eddy Young, Director, Melissa Walker, Act 46 Committee, William Anton, WCSU Superintendent, Peter Ahlfeld, MSW Headmaster, Alyson Marcucci, Stratton Town Treasurer, Andrea Fournier, parent and Lorraine M. Weeks Newell, School Board Secretary.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the October 31, 2017 and November 27, 2017 meetings were read. Lorraine Newell motioned to approve and Siobhan Young seconded.

**RESIDENCY:**

Ms. Andrea Fournier attended the meeting and provided additional information for her residency file. In addition, she agreed to bring in legible copies of her rental payments. With the additional information provided and the pending receipt of the rent payments, the Board approved her request for tuition assistance.

Ms. Stevenish, who has requested tuition assistance, has had no mailing address on record. She contacted Alyson Marcucci at the town office saying that she now has a new mailing address at the Bondville Post Office. The Board approved her request for tuition pending receipt of signature on the Domestic Return Receipt attached to the letter of approval mailed to her dated December 7, 2017.

Letters have been sent to the following Stratton residency applicants who have requested tuition. The letter states that the Stratton School Board has amended its November 2, 2017 decision regarding tuition payment. The Board will pay tuition beginning at the start of the 2017/2018 school

semester rather than on the date that was originally specified in the last letter sent. : Ms. Carolyn Beckedorff/Salvatore DiGangi, Ms. Kristine Koepe, Mr & Mrs Cameron MacGregor, and Elizabeth Muckerman

### **OTHER RESIDENCY BUSINESS**

It has come to the Stratton School Boards attention that new residents to Stratton and who are enrolling their children in school, are not receiving information from the schools stating that in order to receive tuition assistance from the town of Stratton for their child/ren, it is necessary to complete a Stratton Residency Application which includes evidence of habitat. The Board will actively work with the schools to ensure that new Stratton residents are made aware of the need to complete a residency application.

Peter Ahlfeld, School Master at The Mountain School At Winhall, supported the need to inform new parents to contact the Stratton town office and complete an application for residency and tuition assistance. Alyson Marcucci will be the contact person with the Mountain School regarding packets and the necessary information for new residents.

### **LOAN REQUEST**

Due to an unpredictable influx of students, the Stratton School District is anticipating a spending deficit for the 2017/2018 school year. Therefore, the Stratton School Board has requested a loan from the Town of Stratton in the amount of \$130,000.00 with a 0% interest. This amount will be added to the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 School Budget and repaid to the Town of Stratton by June 30, 2019.

The Stratton School Board signed the request on December 7, 2017 and it will be presented to the Stratton Select Board for approval when they meet on December 11, 2017.

### **ACT 46**

The Stratton School District has sent a Proposal for Alternative Structure to Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary of the VT Agency of Education. The proposal states that the School directors of the Stratton School District have explored governance consolidation with area school districts and have found that a merged structure brings substantial disadvantages to Stratton students and taxpayers and that it would not advance the Goals of Act 46. They have proposed to the VT Secretary of Education and the VT

State Board of Education that the Stratton Town School District retain its current structure as a single town school district within a supervisory union. The proposal includes information on statistics, spending, tax rate and goals comparing Stratton as a Single District and Merged District.

The Stratton Board held a teleconference with John Everett, Stratton's Act 46 consultant, at which time the proposal was reviewed for approval and signing. The Proposal for Alternative Structure was signed by the Stratton School Board on December 7, 2017.

Siobhan Eddy Young motioned to include the Act 46 Report and Proposal in the Stratton Town Report. Lorraine Weeks Newell seconded. The motion was passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Stratton School Board has agreed to sell to the Town of Stratton land known as the Stratton Town Common and Cemetery for the sum of \$200,000.00. The School Directors will see if the Town will authorize the sale of the 4-acre parcel when it meets on March 6, 2018 for the Annual School District Meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Stratton School Board approved to add an article to the Warning of the Annual School District Meeting scheduled on March 6, 2018. The article addresses a school district that does not maintain an approved public high school in that the district may vote on such terms or conditions as it deems appropriate to designate three or fewer approved independent or public high schools as the public high school or schools of the district.

The Stratton School Board will meet on Thursday, January 4, 2018 for its regular monthly meeting. Also scheduled for that time is the 2018/2019 school budget meeting.

### **BILLING**

The following billing was received for payment:

Alyson Marcucci - Payroll - \$461.75 CK#4387  
Thomas Montemagni - \$600.27 CK#4388  
Siobhan Eddy Young - \$507.92 CK#4386  
Lorraine M. Weeks Newell - \$1,411.25 CK#4389


The order was reviewed, approved and signed.  
The amount of the 12/7/2017 order was \$2,981.19

The Mountain School At Winhall - 1st semester tuition - \$30,000.00  
CK#4390

The order was reviewed, approved and signed.  
The total amount of the order was \$30,000.00.

As there was no other business, Lorraine Newell motioned to adjourn.  
Siobhan Young seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine M. Weeks Newell  
Stratton School Board Secretary