

APPROVED

TOWN OF STRATTON
STRATTON SCHOOLBOARD
DECEMBER 3, 2019, 6:00PM
STRATTON TOWN OFFICE

The Stratton School Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Stratton Town Office on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

ATTENDING:

Chairman- Tom Montemagni
Vice Chair- Allison Young
Secretary- Lorraine M. Weeks Newell

Abbe Haber Melissa Walker Andrea Fournier
Candie Bernard Holly Wendell Jessica Baron
Michael Culver Jessica Dell'Aera

Modifications to the Agenda:

Remove agenda #7 Discuss School Board Update going to Homestead Taxpayers and parents.

Treasurer's Update:

Stratton town treasurer created a snapshot of the YTD revenues and expenditures for the school board. A copy and explanation of the snapshot was provided to all attendees.

Approve School Board Minutes from November 5, 2019:

Lorraine Weeks-Newell reviewed the minutes from November 5, 2019. Lorraine Weeks-Newell motioned to approve the minutes barring the change to the date. Tom Montemagni second. All concur. Motioned carried

Review/Approve Order:

Billing received from the following. All reviewed and approved.

- Stratton School Payroll:		
o Allison Young	\$ 2,501.56	Check# 4464
o Alyson Peterson	\$ 461.75	Check# 4462
o Tom Montemagni	\$ 728.18	Check# 4461
o Lorraine Weeks-Newell	\$ 837.10	Check# 4463
Total	\$ 4,528.59	
- BBA	\$ 2,679.10	Check# 1019
- Lynn, Lynn, Blackman & Manitsky	\$ 402.50	Check# 1020
- WCSU	\$ 13,186.50	Check# 1021
Total	\$ 18,117.59	

Discuss any correspondence brought before the board:

Email received from parent indicating that she was moving from Stratton to Winhall and would no longer require tuition. Alyson Peterson to take the necessary next steps.

Email received from parent indicating that their child is transferring from SMS to BBA. Via email, SMS and Alyson Peterson addressed the tuition for the transferring student as there was an additional student attending SMS outside the cap. Balance of SMS tuition paid for the transferring student will be credited to the student who's now under the cap. Additional tuition will be billed by BBA for the balance of the tuition.

Discuss possible policy changes:

- Transportation policy
- Tuition policy
- Residency policy
- All policies were reviewed and discussed. Policies to be sent to Bill Anton for review.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

- A parent has advised that her children have been removed from their current school. She will notify the town office when a decision has been made regarding the schools the children will be transferred to. She made an inquiry into busing. The parent is to find out more information and email the board. Discussion ensued regarding the transportation expectations both within the state and the school district.
- A parent requested clarification on the Homestead Tax. An explanation was provided.
- SMS inquired about the meeting schedule regarding future relationships. Email was sent to SMS after the last Board meeting, but wasn't received. A follow-up email to be sent to Holly regarding same.
- Stratton Student Population Statistics were presented by Candie Bernard. Highlights include:
 - o In the past 10 years, voter registration and resident births have remained fairly consistent while our enrolled student population doubled in the last four years.
 - o In a study of resident families over the last 19 years, not including currently enrolled students, the Stratton School District has provided tuition to 70 families. Of those 70 families, 50 have moved out of Stratton and 20 families remain.
 - o In the last 5.5 years, 692 Property Transfers have occurred in Stratton, only 11 of these PTTRs have put students in school.
 - o The Stratton School Board acknowledged what a large undertaking the above reports were and thanked Candie for her time and effort.

A budget meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6pm.

A regular monthly meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Minutes prepared by: Allison S. Young

