

## TOWN OF STRATTON STRATTON SCHOL BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2014

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at the Stratton Town Office. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M.

ATTENDING: Thomas Montemagni, Chairman, Siobhan Eddy Young, Director, Lorraine M. Weeks Newell, Secretary and WCSU Superintendent, Steven John. Also present was Mrs. K. Semet.

## **BUSINESS:**

- 1) The minutes of the October 2, 2014 were read. Siobhan Young motioned to approve Thomas Montemagni seconded. The October 2, 2014 minutes were approved.
- 2) Lorraine Newell informed the Board that inquiries had been made by two families intending to move to Stratton. Each family has school age children. They were directed to the Stratton web site where the Residency Policy is posted and can be completed and then submitted for approval and tuition assistance. As of Thursday's meeting no further communication had been received regarding this matter.

3) Billing was received from the following:

Burr & Burton Academy - special education counselling	\$ 1,273.73
Carol A. Joyce - special education counselling	1,155.00
Manchester School District - elementary tuition	27,000.00
Sullivan, Powers & Company - Progressive Audit Billing	3,209.00

The order was reviewed, approved and signed. The total amount of the 11/6/2014 order was \$32,637.73

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mrs. Semet attended the meet with and introduce herself to the Board. She recently moved to Stratton and her two children are enrolled at SMS and Long Trail School. Her residency and tuition assistance was approved at the 8/19/2014 meeting. The Board welcomes her and her family to Stratton.

As was reported in the September 2, 2014 minutes there was discussion regarding the responsibility to pay tuition to Leland & Grey High School for the period of time a reported Stratton student attended the school. WCSU Superintendent Steven John looked into the matter and has informed the Board that Leland & Grey will take responsibility of the tuition invoice for the student who was not a Stratton resident. The Board thanks L & G.

In the May 1st and June 5, 2014 school minutes there was discussion regarding a Stratton student attending Twin Valley Elementary School. The child attends tuition free as part of his mother's teacher's contract with the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union. The only responsibility on the parent's part is payment in the amount of \$250 which

represents a user fee. Mrs. Sullivan asked the board to pay this amount although the WSSU asks that the parent pays this fee out of pocket. The Board discussed the matter and the amount was approved for payment at the June 5, 2014 meeting. However, because tuition was not being paid for the Stratton student, the Board questioned whether or not it could include the student in its enrollment. Superintendent John will check the Fall Census Report to the state as to who claims the student on their enrollment. If Stratton reports the student on the 2014 Fall Student Census Report it was the responsibility of the Board to pay the user fee as the amount is part of the education costs for the student.

Superintendent John discussed the WCSU 2015/2016 budget meeting scheduled for November 19, 2014. The budget will be voted on at a meeting scheduled on December 3, 2014 or December 10, 2014 if another meeting is found to be necessary.

As there was no other business, Thomas Montemagni motioned to adjourn and Siobhan Young seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell Stratton School Secretary

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