

**APPROVED**

**TOWN OF STRATTON  
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD  
MARCH 12, 2020, 6:00PM  
STRATTON TOWN HALL**

The Stratton School Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Stratton Town Hall on Thursday, March 12, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

**ATTENDING:**

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

Alyson Peterson Helen Eddy Kristine Koepee  
Candie Bernard Jessica Marullo  
Betsy Wadsworth Marissa Walker

**Modifications to the Agenda: None**

**Organizational Meeting:**

- Tom Montemagni motioned to schedule monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Stratton Town Office, 9 W Jamaica Rd., Stratton VT. Allison Young second. All concur. Motion carried.
- Tom Montemagni motioned that the meetings be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules for small boards. Lorraine Weeks-Newell second. All concur. Motion carried.
- Notices will be approved and published when necessary in the Brattleboro Reformer in accordance with statute.
  - o WCSU Representative: Allison Young
  - o WCSU Policy Committee Member is: Lorraine Weeks-Newell, Allison Young (second)
- Nomination for School Board Chair
  - o Chairman
    - Allison Young motioned to nominate Tom Montemagni as Stratton School Board Chairman. Lorraine Weeks-Newell second. All concur. Motion carried.
  - o Vice Chairman
    - Tom Montemagni motioned to nominate Allison Young as Stratton School Board Vice Chairman. Lorraine Weeks-Newell second. All concur. Motion carried.
  - o Clerk
    - Tom Montemagni motioned to nominate Lorraine Weeks-Newell as Stratton School Board Clerk. Allison Young second. All concur. Motion carried

**Approve School Board Minutes from February 11, 2020, February 25, 2020 and the School District Meeting of March 3, 2020:**

- Lorraine Weeks-Newell motioned to approve the School Board Minutes from February 11, 2020. Tom Montemagni second. All concur. Motion carried.
- Lorraine Weeks-Newell motioned to approve the School Board Minutes from February 25, 2020. Tom Montemagni second. All concur. Motion carried.
- Lorraine Weeks-Newell motioned to approve the School District Meeting of March 3, 2020. Tom Montemagni second. All concur. Motion carried.

**Communication from the Treasurer:**

**- Review/Approve Order:**

Billing received from the following. All reviewed and approved.

○ Jessica Marullo & Michael Dell'Aera:	\$ 846.15	Check# 1036
○ Long Trail School	\$ 645.96	Check# 1037
○ Lynn, Lynn, Blackman & Manitsky	\$ 669.50	Check# 1038
○ Red Fox Community School	\$ 6,523.21	Check# 1039
○ Taconic & Green	- \$ 1,153.40	
○ Taconic & Green	\$ 15,800.00	Check# 1040
○ WCSU	\$ 13,186.50	Check# 1041
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Total:	\$ 36,186.50	

**- Any Other Items**

- Request for residency dating back to the beginning of this current school year was made by a parent who initially intended to move, but then didn't. The application was received by the Town Office and forwarded to the Superintendent. It was reviewed and approved. Awaiting documentation from the family prior to payment.
- The Board received notice from an existing resident that they have a child entering Pre-K next year.
- The Board received notice of new resident with two children. Email to be sent to parent with regard to the application and start date for the students.

**Address any correspondence brought before the Board:** Document from community member- addressed below.

**Address any other business that may legally come before the Board:**

- Documentation regarding private investigators received from the Superintendent. This information was brought before the board for informational purposes only. No action to be taken at this time.
  - Anita Bobee- Wilmington (802) 464-3278: Has done residency work before for school districts. No retainer needed for school boards. She provides a rate based on the job description. Expected to be between \$80-\$100/hour plus expenses.
  - Estey Associates (Quentin Estey)- Keene (603) 352-1016. No retainer needed for school boards. Rate is \$90/hour plus expenses.
- A document was received from a community member as a suggested draft letter to be sent to our legislators regarding the weighting study. No action taken at this time. The board was very appreciative to the community member for providing such a comprehensive and helpful document.
- Weighting Study
  - General discussion of the weighting study occurred.
  - Allison Young motioned the board chair to investigate any legal issues and impact of weighting study on town taxes. Lorraine Weeks-Newell second. All concur. Motion carried.
  - Allison Young to investigate other communities with significant tax increases.
  - There is an executive summary of the Weighting Study which highlights the key points in the study and is 11 pages long. That summary can be found at <https://ljfo.vermont.gov/assets/Subjects/Equalized-Pupil-Weighting/31f695302d/FY20AnalysisProposedEqaulizedPupilWeights-v2.pdf>
- The Stratton School Board is looking for a community member to take minutes at meetings. This is a compensated position. This person should have strong writing skills and a laptop with Word. Please contact Alyson Peterson at [strattontax@townofstrattonvt.com](mailto:strattontax@townofstrattonvt.com) if you're interested.
- In the coming months, the Board will complete an audit of the busing services received and associated costs.

**Future Meeting:**

A regular monthly meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6pm at the Stratton Town Office. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes prepared by: Allison S. Young