

APPROVED

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

The Stratton School Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Stratton Town Hall Tuesday, October 6, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:25pm. This meeting was held in conjunction with a special Stratton School District meeting. Please see the town website for the minutes pertaining to that meeting.

ATTENDING:

Chairman- Tom Montemagni
Vice Chair- Allison Young
Secretary- Lorraine M. Weeks Newell
Board Member- Melissa Walker
Board Member- Kellie D'Elia-Laskin
Superintendent- Bill Anton (via Zoom)

Alyson Peterson Betsy LaHue Stacie Chiodi
Candie Bernard Jessica Marullo Dell'Aera Kristine Koeppel
Marissa Powers Abbe Haber (Zoom) Jenny Neiderhoffer (Zoom)
Colleen Palmer (Mountain School Headmaster, Zoom)

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Approve School Board minutes from September 1, 2020:

The September 1, 2020 were unavailable. Due to the new system involving a 3rd party minute taker, some housekeeping needs to be completed with the minutes. All updates will be addressed this month by Allison Young and all minutes will be available for approval for the November monthly meeting.

Communication from the Treasurer:

1. Approve Order:

Check#	Check Date	Amount Paid	Payee Description of Funds Disbursed
1051	8/4/2020	8,000.00	Mountain School at Winhall Tuition Deposit (8 students)
1052	8/4/2020	16,233.00	Northfield Mount Hermon 1st Semester Tuition (2 Students)
1053	8/4/2020	-	WCSU check voided, wrong amount (replaced w/ check# 1054)
1054	8/4/2020	18,621.75	Windham Central Supervisory Union Quarter 1 Assessment
1055	9/1/2020	4,200.00	Long Trail School Long Trail School Bus (3 students)
1056	9/1/2020	55,436.00	Mountain School at Winhall 1st Semester Tuition (8 students)
1057	9/1/2020	7,274.00	Red Fox Community School 1st Semester Tuition (1 student)
1058	10/6/2020	134,925.00	Burr & Burton Academy 1st Semester Tuition (15 students)
1059	10/6/2020	16,233.00	Long Trail School 1st Semester Tuition (2 students)
1060	10/6/2020	607.50	Lynn, Lynn, Blackman & Manitsky, PC Legal services
1061	10/6/2020	38,521.50	Maple Street School 1st Semester Tuition (5 students)
1062	10/6/2020	22,288.50	Mountain School at Winhall 1st Semester Tuition (3 students)
1063	10/6/2020	295.26	Northshire Day School September Tuition (1 student)
1064	10/6/2020	113,631.00	Stratton Mountain School 1st Semester Tuition (14 students)
1065	10/6/2020	2,573.00	Sullivan, Powers & Co. Audit services
1066	10/6/2020	<u>3,445.00</u>	West River Montessori School FY21 Tuition (1 student)

TOTAL: \$ 442,284.51

2. Treasurer's Update:

The Treasurer's Snapshot and a copy of the order have been attached to these minutes. There was an error with the SMS bill. Board to expect bill for 1 additional student.

Discuss and update information regarding the State of VT Weighting Study:

Abbe Haber presented update of the Weighting Study committee's efforts. They are currently still researching, with a focus on the sources of information used to obtain Stratton's information. Bill Anton suggested the committee contact the study's director, Tammy Kolbe.

Approve the adoption of the Residency Policy and the Tuition Policy:

Tom Montemagni motion to approve Stratton Residency Policy, F13. Allison Young second. All concur. Motion carried.

Tom Montemagni motion to approve Stratton Tuition Policy, F16. Allison Young second. All concur. Motion carried.

Address residency issues/questions:

Tuition policy requires Homesteads be filed in a timely manner. Three families who receive tuition haven't yet filed. Allison Young to email this families and Tom Montemagni to follow-up with a written letter to same. Tom Montemagni to contact Pietro Lynn to discuss the Homestead filings.

Report on BBA and SMS:

Tom Montemagni to have a phone meeting with Carson Thurber of SMS on Thursday to discuss the cap. Update for next meeting.

Discuss any correspondence brought before the board:

Email received from a resident that they are moving out of the Stratton district on Friday, October 9, 2020. Her two students attend Northfield Mt. Hermon. Alyson Peterson to contact the school for a prorated tuition reimbursement.

Address any other business that may legally come before the Board.

General discussion regarding the upcoming challenges Stratton faces. The district and surrounding areas have seen quite a population growth due to COVID-19. With regard to real estate, inventory is moving quickly in southern Vermont. Stratton has seen an increase in land sales.

A regular monthly meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 6pm at the Stratton Town Hall.
Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Agenda items for next meeting: Report on Pietro Lynn's opinion of the Homestead
Report on SMS cap phone call

Minutes prepared by: Allison S. Young