

APPROVED

TOWN OF STRATTON
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
October 13, 2016

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the Stratton Town Office. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDING: Thomas Montemagni, Chairman, Siobhan Eddy Young, Director, Lorraine M. Weeks Newell, Secretary and Michael Culver.

MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA: No modifications necessary.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the August 31, 2016 joint meeting held with the Searsburg school board regarding Act 46 were read. Lorraine Newell motioned to approve the minutes and Thomas Montemagni seconded. The minutes were approved.

The minutes of the September 1, 2016 regular monthly Stratton school board meeting were read. Lorraine Newell motioned to approve and Thomas Montemagni seconded. The minutes were approved.

RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Michael Culver provided documents in support of his residency application. He is requesting tuition assistance for his daughter who is currently attending Stratton Mountain School. Included in the information provided was his Vermont drivers license, lease agreement, credit card statement and post office box rental receipt. The Board reviewed the information. Siobhan Young motioned to approve Mr. Culver's application as of October 13, 2016 and Lorraine Newell seconded.

Mr. Culver will be notified by letter of his approved residency. Due to the fact that Stratton's school board meeting was postponed on 10/6/16 and per conversation with Town Clerk, Kent Young that Mr. Culver intended to attend the meeting on that date, tuition will commence from 10/6/16 rather than his application approval date which is the Stratton School Boards policy. Tuition owed SMS will be prorated from 10/6/16.

BILLING:

Order dated 9/6/2016 - 9/6/2016

Residency and tuition assistance was approved at the 9/1/2016 meeting for new student attending MSW. Payment for tuition was made by the Stratton Town Treasurer on 9/6/2016 and the formal order was signed by the Stratton School Board at the following meeting on 10/13/2016.

The Mountain School at Winhall - tuition - new student \$7,500.00 Ck. #4333

The order was reviewed and signed.
The amount of the 9/6/2016 order was \$7,500.00

Order dated 10/13/2016

Burr & Burton Academy - 1st semester tuition	\$56,875.00	Ck. #4334
Long Trail School - 1st. semester tuition	\$14,773.00	Ck. #4335
Stratton Mountain School - 1st semester tuition	\$22,159.00	Ck. #4336
Vermont Agency of Education - return of transportation overpayment	\$2,708.00	Ck. #4337
Vermont School Boards Association - Dues	\$273.25	Ck. #4338
Windham Central Supervisory Union - 2nd assessment	\$28,158.00	Ck. #4339

The order was reviewed and signed.
The amount of the 10/13/2016 order was \$124,946.75

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Stratton School Board received the tuition agreement with Twin Valley School District for the 2016-2017 school year. Thomas Montemagni signed the agreement.

Town Treasurer, Alyson Marcucci, was contacted by Laurie Garland, Business Manager at WCSU, stating that an overpayment was made to Stratton for transportation for fiscal year 2016. The VT Agency of Education was reimbursed in the amount of \$2,708.00 which is reflected in the order approved for 10/13/2016.

The Stratton Board received a copy of the signed agreement between Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union and Windham Central Supervisory Union for the transportation of Stratton students for the 2016/2017 school year.

ACT 46:

Thomas Montemagni, Stratton School Board Chairman, notified Jacqueline Wilson, BRSU Superintendent, that Stratton is not formally engaged in a 706 study with Winhall & Sandgate and the Stratton School Board has agreed to withdraw from discussions with Winhall and Sandgate to form a RED. The Chairs of Sandgate, Winhall and Searsburg also received copy of this notice.

Thomas Montemagni drafted a letter to Rebecca Holcombe, VT Agency of Education, stating that on August 31, 2016 and pursuant to VSA title 16, Section 706B, the Stratton School District voted in the affirmative to form an Act 46 Merger Study Committee with the Searsburg School District. Thomas Montemagni was elected Chair position of the merger Planning Committee.

Siobhan Young will contact Stacie Chiodi and Melissa Walker who have agreed to participate as members of the study committee as to future scheduled meetings.

Public informational discussions regarding ACT 46 will be posted on the Stratton School

Board Warnings as part of the monthly Agenda. The Board encourages residents to make every effort to attend and by doing so be informed and involved in the changes taking place in the education of their children and other school age town residents.

As there was no other business, Siobhan Eddy Young made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell".

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell
Stratton School Board Secretary