

DRAFT

**TOWN OF STRATTON VERMONT
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019
STRATTON TOWN OFFICE**

The Stratton School Board is holding its February monthly meeting at the Stratton Town Office on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

ATTENDING: Chairman Thomas Montemagni, Director Siobhan Eddy Young, Secretary Lorraine M. Weeks Newell, Attorney Bob Fischer, Allison Young, Alyson Marcucci, Greg and Rayleen Marcucci, Candie and Paul Bernard, Ted and Gwynne Fitzgerald, Marissa Powers, Gwynne Fitzgerald, Alexa and Shane Boatwright, Stacy Chiodi, Melissa Walker, Chris Kaltsas, Kristine Koepe, Heather Bennett Webber, Dennis Holton, Christopher Liller, Janine Conti, Sian Read, Kent Young and Chris Liller.

MODIFICATIONS: Motion made by Thomas Montemagni to amend agenda to discuss the policy change first. Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconded. All concurred

POLICY CHANGE:

Many community members attended the meeting and were given the opportunity to share their opinions regarding the recent policy change. It was explained that this is not a policy change meeting but an opportunity for grievances and opinions to be aired. The policy and the process for approving schools were clarified. Lorraine Weeks-Newell read the minutes from both the January 2nd and January 15th meetings. The board took everything under advisement and there will be a written response promptly. It will be posted on the website, at the Town Hall, the Transfer Station and it will be mailed to Stratton residents directly.

MINUTES: The minutes for January 15, 2019 and January 2, 2019 were read. Ms. Newell motioned to approve the minutes. Siobhan Young seconded – all concurred.

RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS: None

ORDER:

Billing received from the following for payment:

Burr & Burton Academy- 2 nd semester tuition:	\$68,260.00	CK# 4442
Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.- progress billing:	\$5,561.00	CK# 4443
Twin Valley School District- Alex and Brian Sullivan:	\$500.00	CK# 4444
WCSU- quarter 3 assessment:	\$34,785.00	CK# 4445

SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING PREPARATIONS:

A budget was presented with all of the information provided to date. From revenue standpoint, this year we will not have an additional \$200,000 sale of the rec area lot, so revenues have decreased significantly. Tuition amounts were based on a 3% increase over the fiscal year 2019 tuition rates, as the actual figures weren't available when the budget was prepared. Based on a budget of 1,023,476.00, the town is looking at estimated education spending per equalized pupil of \$15,835.38. Based on these figures, the estimated Homestead Education tax rate will be \$1.56.

The Annual School District Meeting Warning for the March 5, 2019 was then approved and signed by all three board members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Every school potentially affected by the policy change will be receiving a qualifying questionnaire. Every school can defend themselves. School choice is still in place.

Minutes by

Allison Young