

TOWN OF STRATTON  
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2016

APPROVED

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at the Stratton town office. The meeting was called to order at 6 P.M.

**ATTENDING:** Thomas Montemagni, Chairman, Siobhan Eddy Young, Director, Lorraine M. Weeks Newell, Secretary and Alison Marcucci, Stratton Town Treasurer.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The first order of business was to conduct the Stratton School financial budget for the 2016/2017 fiscal school year. Town Treasurer, Alison Marcucci provided an up-to-date list of the students presently attending school. This list also included a progression in grade and school that these students will be attending in 2016/2017. Announced tuition rates for servicing schools as well as the state average rate for 2016/2017 were also listed. Two rates were not available and an estimate was used in calculating the tuition.

Bud DeBonis, CFO from the WCSU, provided a proposed budget which included the past four years of adopted budgets along with the proposed budget for 2016/2017.

There were two items in the budget that were questioned by Siobhan Eddy Young. After a final discussion the board agreed to approve and sign the 2016/2017 Stratton school budget after clarification has been made regarding these two items.

At this time, the amount of the proposed 2016/2017 Stratton School Budget is \$568,759.00.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:** The board did not receive any communication from two school families, one whose Stratton residency is in question and the other with an incomplete residency application and file. The Board sent a letter to the family whose residency is in question asking that they attend the 1/7/16 meeting in order to clarify the situation. The residency application of the other family remains incomplete and no tuition has been paid to date.

**ACT 46:** The Stratton School Board has been contacted by the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) and asked to participate in a conversation and informational meeting studying school district merger options under Act 46. The meeting would be a non-deliberative/informational meeting and not public which would be subject to Vermont's open meeting laws. Future conversations

might involve other districts dealing with district merger options.

Chairman Montemagni was in receipt of a letter from The Mountain School at Winhall. School Head, L. Patricia Stanley, asked that its immediate and extended community consider a gift to their Annual Fund which directly benefits the students. A donation to The Mountain School can be requested and voted on at Town Meeting Day to be held on March 1, 2017.

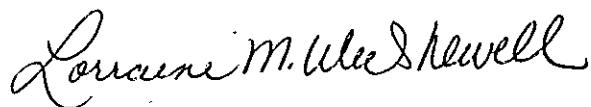
**BILLING:** Invoices received for payment are as follows:

Carol A. Joyce - Counseling and staff consult - **\$420.00** Check #4294  
Long Trail School - Tuition - 2nd semester - **\$7,148.50** Check #4295  
Stratton Mountain School - Tuition - 2nd semester - **\$14,297.00** Check #4296  
Sullivan, Powers & Co. - school audit - **\$4,887.00** Check #4297  
The Mountain School At Winhall - Speech & Language services - **\$2,119.70**  
The Mountain School At Winhall - Special Ed Services **\$262.50**  
The Mountain School At Winhall - Speech & Language Services - **\$1,105.79**  
The Mountain School At Winhall - Tuition - 11 students \$99,650.00  
Less deposit received 07/2015 - **\$6,500** 4 Invoices - Check #4298  
Vermont School Board's Insurance Trust -Stratton Allocation - **\$361.00**  
Check #4299

The 1/7/2016 order was reviewed, approved and signed.  
The amount of the order is \$130,251.49.

As there was no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned a 8 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell  
Stratton School Board Secretary