

APPROVED

STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD  
TOWN OF STRATTON VT  
FEBRUARY 25, 2016

The Stratton School Board attended a meeting on Thursday evening, February 25, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was held at the Manchester Elementary Middle School in Manchester, VT. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Act 46 and the merging of school districts presently operating in the state of Vermont.

**ATTENDING:** Thomas Montemagni, Siobhan Eddy Young and Lorraine Weeks-Newell represented the Town of Stratton. Kent Young, Stratton Town Clerk and WCSU Superintendent, Steven John were also in attendance. School Board members representing the towns of Winhall, Ira and Sandgate were also present. North Bennington School District was also represented.

**BUSINESS:** BRSU (Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union) Superintendent, Daniel French opened the meeting with a Power Point presentation of Act 46 district governance terms along with procedures to follow in establishing a RED (a Regional Education District) of at least 4 school districts under one board and budget. Other merging options were highlighted. Deadlines and other requirements, incentives and limitations involved were also stated.

Following the introduction, the aforementioned school boards, which are all non-operating districts, discussed what point their district is in regarding merging options. Concerns, which included distance, servicing, continued school choice and study committees were also addressed.

It was suggested that a future meeting date be set at which time the school districts from Ira and Sandgate would have had more time to investigate their options and merging choices. May 1, 2016 was suggested as the next time for the meeting. The boards will be contacted to schedule the day and time.

There were no motions/votes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. Information regarding ACT 46 can be found on the State of Vermont website.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell  
Stratton School Board Secretary