

**TOWN OF STRATTON
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 2011**

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 7 P.M. at the Stratton Town Office. In attendance were Thomas Montemagni, Siobhan Eddy Young, Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell and WCSU Superintendant , Steven John. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. The minutes of the February 2011 meeting were read and approved.

Superintendant John provided materials for the Board dealing with the role of the Board Chair and Clerk and the Vermont Statutes identifying these roles as well as Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. A copy of Policy Manual dealing with school procedures was also provided.

The first order of business was to conduct the Stratton School Board organizational meeting. Siobhan Young nominated Thomas Montemagni as Chairperson with Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconding. Thomas Montemagni nominated Lorraine Weeks-Newell as Secretary with Siobhan Young seconding. Siobhan Young was nominated by Lorraine Weeks-Newell as Vice Chairperson with Thomas Montemagni seconding. The regular monthly meetings are scheduled on the first Thursday of each month at 7 P.M. at the Stratton Town Office. The meetings will be held from August 2011 through June 2012. Lorraine Weeks-Newell made the motion that the meetings be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules for small boards. Siobhan Young seconded. Notices will be published when necessary in the Brattleboro Reformer.

Tuition billing was received from SMS for new resident/student H. Burwell. As was reported in last month's minutes, the Burwell residency was approved at the February meeting with a date of January 14, 2011 as the beginning date of tuition payment. SMS has prorated the tuition invoice to reflect that date and payment was approved by the Board.

Stratton residents J. Read and J. Morse requested a letter from the Stratton School Board to be sent to Mr. D. Houck at The Mountain School at Winhall confirming their residency. Thomas Montemagni approved and signed the letter.

The Board is looking into a question of residency by a family whose child attends Wardsboro Elementary School. Principal FitzSimons has been contacted regarding the matter.

The Board discussed having a special meeting to address Pre-K questions and concerns. It was agreed that the Stratton School Board will hold a special meeting to be warned in April 2011 and to be held at the regular scheduled meeting on the first Thursday in May 2011. At that time, the Board will have gathered more information regarding the beginning of Pre-K schooling for Stratton residents.

Candie Bernard, Stratton Lister, informed the Board that she mailed a notice to 2 families in Stratton advising them that they must file an HS-131 VT Homestead Declaration and an HS-145 Property Tax Adjustment claim by April 15, 2011. Failing to do so can jeopardize payment of school tuition.

The Board accepted and signed the 3/3/2011 payroll orders.

Billing was received from the following:

Burr & Burton Academy – Special Ed-High School	\$ 5,316.00
Burr & Burton-Tuition-High School	41,175.00

Carol A. Joyce - Special Education Services	560.00
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Stratton Mountain School – Private High School Tuition	3,313.43

The March 2011 order was reviewed, approved and signed.
The total amount of the March order was \$51,169.43.

As there was no other business at hand, the March 2011 meeting of the Stratton School Board was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell
Stratton School Board Secretary