

TOWN OF STRATTON
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

August 31, 2016

APPROVED

The Stratton School Board held a joint meeting with the Searsburg school board to discuss items related to Act 46. Meeting was held at the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union main office in Wilmington, VT, and was called to order 7:23pm.

ATTENDING: Siobhan Eddy Young and Thomas Montemagni, of the Stratton School Board; Jacki Murano, Annette Hazell, Jennifer Betit-Engel of the Searsburg School Board, and Chris Pratt, WSWSU Superintendent.

After discussions regarding whether each town, (Stratton and Searsburg), wanted to enter into a formal study, we each agreed to do so. We each need to formalize this at our next School Board meetings, but we have informally agreed to withdraw from discussions with Winhall and Sandgate to form a RED, and to enter into a formal 706 study to form a new combined school district side-by-side with the WSWSU. We agreed that 3 members from each town would be good representation to the study group.

Chris Pratt answered questions about next steps:

--each school board will meet to formally vote on the decision to withdraw from discussions with Winhall and Sandgate, and send notification to the Chairs of those school boards, as well as the BRSU.

--each school board will meet to formally vote to enter into 706 Study with each other, (Stratton and Searsburg). Chris will then let the State of Vermont know of our intentions to move forward with this study.

--each school board will formally appoint members to the study committee.

--set meeting dates to move forward with study.

Stratton School Board agreed that after initial meetings with Searsburg, we will hold an informational meeting in the town of Stratton to discuss with the public our efforts to date to be in compliance with Act 46.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Siobhan Eddy Young
Stratton School Board Director