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**TOWN OF STRATTON VERMONT
STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
STRATTON TOWN OFFICE**

The Stratton School Board held a regular monthly meeting at the Stratton Town Office on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

ATTENDING:

Vice Chair- Allison Young
Secretary- Lorraine M. Weeks Newell
Superintendent- Bill Anton

Candie Bernard
Carol Huber
Michael Culver
Andrea Fornier
Jessica Baron
Peter Ahlfeld
Michael Beyer
Robert Lahue
Melissa Walker

MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:

Remove August 26 and 28, 2019 minutes for approval as those minutes were not posted. They will be submitted and be reviewed for the monthly October board meeting.

APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES FROM AUGUST 6, 2019:

Lorraine Weeks-Newell read the minutes from August 6, 2019. Allison Young motioned to approve the minutes. Lorraine Weeks- Newell second. All concur. Motioned carried.

REVIEW/APPROVE ORDER:

Billing received from the following. All reviewed and approved.

- Mountain School: \$ 143,101.50 Check to be issued
- Lynn, Lynn, Blackman & Manitsky: \$ 481.00 Check# 1008
- Sullivan Powers & Co: \$ 3,676.00 Check# 1009

DISCUSS CHANGING THE MONTHLY MEETING TIMES FROM 7PM TO 6PM:

Lorraine Weeks-Newell made a motion to change the monthly board meeting time from 7pm to 6pm. It was noted that a change back to 7pm is possible in the future if/when there is less general discussion anticipated. Allison Young second. All concur. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TRANSPORTATION:

Bill Anton explained there is a new Director of Operations (Chris Medina) within the supervisory union and that his services may be useful to the Stratton school district. Mr. Anton to request Mr. Medina contact Alyson Peterson to better understand the transportation service offerings within the town.

DISCUSS NEW PROCESSES FOR DETERMINING RESIDENCY THAT ARE IN LINE WITH 16 V.S.A. § 1075:

Mr. Anton explained the new internal procedure for enrolling Stratton school district students. A copy of this procedure has been attached to these minutes.

DISCUSSION OF AOE'S INTERPRETATION OF PROPOSED POLICY, OPTION 1:

A response from the Secretary of Education, Daniel M. French, to the board's request on an opinion of Option 1 was received by the school board on August 19, 2019. Option 1, as written, was not supported. The full, 4.5 page letter has been attached to these minutes. The last sentence of the second paragraph was read aloud and states:

"The proposed Stratton policy, however, does not meet this standard because it does not further the accurate identification of a student's legal residence, and the language as written would have the unintended consequence of excluding payment to otherwise eligible schools."

DISCUSS DESIGNATION:

Mr. Anton discussed 16 V.S.A. § 827. A general discussion of designation occurred. Mr. Anton to provide context and a general overview of what designating would look like for the Stratton school district for the September 26, 2019 meeting.

ADDRESS ANY CORRESPONDENCE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD, INCLUDING EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE:

The AOE correspondence was addressed above. An email was received from a Stratton family who advised they are moving and are not claiming residency for the 2019-2020 school year. Responded to the same and advised town office.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Mr. Anton to contact Pietro Lynn regarding further residency procedures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was called at 7:45pm to discuss a student matter. No decisions were made and the session adjourned at 7:50pm.

A special meeting to review Bill Anton's designation findings is scheduled for September 26, 2019 at 6pm. .

A regular monthly meeting was confirmed for October 1, 2019 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.

Minutes prepared by: Allison S. Young