

TOWN OF STRATTON
Minutes of the
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 3, 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met as warned at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 11:00am. Diana Stugger called the meeting to order. The Clerk took the roll. Initially, 33 voters were present, requiring a 17-vote majority. Later, two additional voters arrived, increasing those present to 35 and the majority of votes required to 18.

The Moderator read the opening statement of the Warning to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, as required by law. Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Diana Stugger. Al Dupell seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and Diana Stugger was elected Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Stratton School District Officers, as required by law - School District Director (One three-year term): Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Tom Montemagni. Al Dupell seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred and Tom Montemagni was elected School Director for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 3: To set the Annual 2015-2016 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the amount of \$14,950 per pupil for students in grades K-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA T.16 sections 823 & 828. Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the Article. All were in favor and so Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2015-2016 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district. Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the Article. All were in favor and so Article 4 passed.

ARTICLE 5: To set the Annual 2015-2016 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$15,950.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district. Sally Wadsworth so moved. Larry Bills seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the Article. All were in favor and so Article 5 passed.

ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2015-2016 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 3 and Article 5, who are residents of the school district. Al Dupell so moved. Kent Young seconded. Discussion: Siobhan Eddy Young explained that the State average was not yet available, so the School Board used a recommended 4% increase to determine the budget amount. No further discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the Article. All were in favor and so Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7: To authorize the School Board to expend \$611,903.00 to defray expenses and liabilities for the 2015-2016 school year. Kent Young so moved. DR Holton seconded. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the Article. All were in favor and so Article 7 passed.

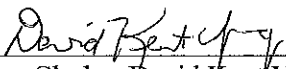
ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district. Al Dupell so moved. Larry Bills seconded. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the Article. All were in favor and so Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Kent Young said that the Homestead Education Tax Rate calculation, using the approved budget has dropped considerably – it appears it will be 10 cents lower than last year due to a combination of factors, including the student average, the use of PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) from the Federal government for the vast amount of National Forest within the Town of Stratton (these funds are now applied directly to the school budget), as well as revenue from leasing school district property. It appears, therefore, that the rate will be only two cents higher than the non-resident rate of the coming fiscal year. Income sensitive households will also get the benefit of having their reductions calculated using the higher previous year's rate.

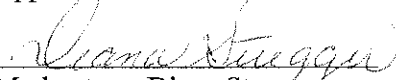
On a somber note, Diana Stugger expressed her condolences to the families of three of our deceased residents, whom had passed away in the last year. She directed the assembly to the inside cover page in the Town Report and thanked Joann Liller for her eloquent Memorial of those deceased residents written there. Kent Young added that if anyone was willing to give up their copy of the Town Report, Diane Schwippert would like extra copies for the Memorial, to distribute to friends and family of her late husband, Paul Schwippert.

Adjourn: With no further business, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Al Dupell so moved. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

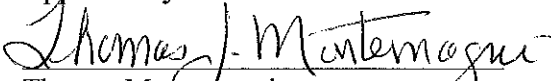
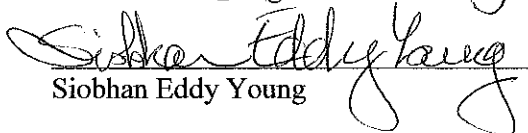
Minutes by:


Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved


Moderator – Diana Stugger

Approved by the Stratton School Directors:


Thomas Montemagni

Siobhan Eddy Young


Lorraine Weeks-Newell