

TOWN OF STRATTON
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 2012

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Thomas Montemagni, Chairman, Siobhan Eddy Young, Director, Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell, Secretary, Steven John, WCSU Superintendent and Ms. Elise Young.

The minutes of the March 1, 2012 meeting were read. Siobhan Young moved to approve the minutes with Thomas Montemagni seconding.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Elise Young attended the meeting with her son, David, who has been a student at BBA in Manchester since the beginning of the new semester in January of 2012. She provided the Board with her voter registration and utility receipt. However she agreed to provide other documentation as soon as it is available. Superintendent John informed Ms. Young and her son of their responsibility to notify the School Board should David decide to leave school.

Thomas Montemagni reviewed and signed the Tuition Agreement with Twin Valley School District for the 2012/2013 school year. Also signed were the School Board minutes from Town Meeting Day held on 3/6/12.

The Stratton School Board has requested a loan from the town in the amount of \$40,000. The Selectmen reviewed the request for the loan which states that the amount is to be repaid without interest and in full by June 30, 2013. The purpose of the loan is to pay any year end costs that the Stratton School District incurs.

There was a question regarding the enrollment contract between The Mountain School at Winhall and Stratton parents. The question that came up involved a parent's responsibility if they moved out of town mid-year. The contract they sign indicates that they, the parents, are responsible for any short fall in tuition caused by their child leaving before the end of the school year. This clause would indicate that the parents and not the Town of Stratton would be the responsible party for any shortfall as they have identified the culpable party as the parent. The position of WCSU Superintendent as well as the Stratton School Board is that we only pay for services rendered. Superintendent John will contact MSW for clarification regarding this matter.

Superintendent John reviewed with the Board the written policies that we have completed and those that are still due. These policies include the Determination of Residency Policy and Procedures and the Stratton Transportation Policy. There is also a Tuition Payment Policy, Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy and Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy. The Board will review and revise as needed and adopt these policies. Superintendent John discussed posting our policies online with the WCSU website at

www.windhamcentralboard.org/school-boards/stratton/stratton-policies. Stratton's policies are available for review on the Stratton website at www.townofstrattonvt.com.

OLD BUSINESS: Stratton School Treasurer, Laura Hawksley, mailed a Request for Parent/Student Information form to be completed and returned to the Town Office at their earliest convenience. Of the 18 forms sent 12 have been returned. The Board is in the process of updating their student information on file at the office.

BILLING: Billing was received from the following:

Burr & Burton Academy – High School Sped Speech/L	\$ 1,800.00
Burr & Burton Academy - High School Sped Counseling	1,174.00
Carol A. Joyce – ES Sped Contract Services	420.00
	770.00
	1,295.00
Leland & Gray Union H.S. Tuition	6,715.00
Stratton Mountain School – Private H.S. Tuition Instate	6,017.50
The Mountain School at Winhall – ES Sped.	2,250.33
The Mountain School at Winhall – ES Sped.	2,500.00
The Mountain School at Winhall - ES Sped.	5,103.28
The Richards Group – Insurance	40.00
Twin Valley School District – Tuition	6,800.00
Winhall School Board – Transportation	26,925.00

The order was reviewed, approved and signed.

The total amount of the April 5, 2012 order was \$61,810.61.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell
Stratton School Board Secretary