

STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
May 3, 2012

The Stratton School Board held its monthly meeting on May 3, 2012 at 7 P.M. at the Stratton Town Office.

ATTENDING: Thomas Montemagni, Chairman, Siobhan Eddy Young, Director, Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell, Secretary, WCSU Superintendent, Steven John , Stacie Chiodi, Pre-K liason and Mr. Edward Fitzgerald

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M.

The minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting were read. Tom Montemagni requested that the minutes be amended to clarify why the school board requested a loan from the town in the amount of \$40,000.

The minutes have been amended as follows: As there were not sufficient school funds to pay the end of the 2011/2012 end of year billing, The Stratton School Board requested a loan from the Town of Stratton in the amount of \$40,000 to be paid in full and without interest by June 2013. The minutes are approved as amended.

ON GOING BUSINESS: The Board, Pre-K Contact Stacie Chiodi and Windham Central Supervisory Union Superintendent Steven John continued discussion regarding the Pre-K program in Stratton for school year 2012/2013. The Stratton Board has received a Pre-K bridge grant in the amount of \$6,000 which will be used as a stipend to help parents fund tuition for age appropriate children entering the Pre-K program in the fall.

Parents /Guardians can view the application and approved schools along with other information at the Town of Stratton website at www.townofstrattonvt.com or at the town office. The completed application must be received at the town office no later than June 25, 2012. After the applications are reviewed they will be submitted to the WCSU by July 1, 2012. Applications not received at the town office by the June date will not be considered for the Pre-K program in the fall. Any parent or guardian with questions is asked to contact Stacie Chiodi at 896-6836 or Superintendent John at the WCSU in Townshend at 365-9510.

Parents/Guardians enrolling a school age child for the first time must complete a Residency Policy form and meet with the school board to be approved for tuition.

Town Treasurer, Laura Hawksly has contacted the four families who have not returned the questionnaire sent to them for up to date information on children attending school and those who will be attending school in the future. The Board has requested this information in order to up date the school files at the town office.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Chairman, Tom Montemagni, made the motion to accept the Vt. Community Preschool Collaborative Grant in the amount of \$6,000 for the 2012/2013 academic school year. Siobhan seconded.

It was learned that a parent claiming residency in Stratton and receiving tuition for two children may still be a resident of Wilmington. The discrepancy was noted when a review of the Stratton Voter Checklist was made and it was found that the individual was not registered. After contacting the Wilmington Assistant Town Clerk, Stratton Town Clerk, Kent Young learned that the parent was

still registered there. Although it is not necessary to register to vote in Stratton the parent cannot be registered in another town and claim residency in Stratton.

School board Chairman, Thomas Montemagni will send the parent a letter stating that the Board is aware of the discrepancy and by remaining registered in Wilmington cannot be considered a Stratton resident and is therefore not entitled to tuition.

Mr. Edward Fitzgerald met with the Board to let them know of his family's intent to move to Stratton over the summer. Two of his three children will be attending school in the fall. He will meet again with the Board before the start of school to submit his completed residency form and other documents.

Ms. Elise Young has been contacted asking that she submit the remaining documentation in order to complete her residency packet. She met with the Board at the April 2012 meeting and stated that she would provide the additional information as soon as it was available. Her son has been attending Burr & Burton Academy in Manchester.

Ms. Patricia Siegel contacted the town office stating a change of living status. The Board is sending her new residency forms to complete in order to update her school file. Her children are receiving tuition at this time.

The Stratton School Board will hold its next regular monthly meeting on June 7, 2012. The final meeting for this school year is scheduled for June 21, 2012 at which time end of the year business will be completed. Both meetings will be held at the town office beginning at 7 P.M.

BILLING:

Carol A. Joyce – Special Education Services 4/17/12	\$ 350.00
4/2-4/12	1,190.00
4/24-4/26	420.00
Windham Central Supervisory Union Explorer Camp – Spec. Ed. Services	532.00

The order was reviewed, approved and signed.

The total amount of the May 3, 2012 order was \$2,492.00.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell
Stratton School Board