

**Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
Media Center 6:00 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the board chair.

Present were: R. Theroux-Keech, R. Choquette, K. Fantoli, L. Shippee and D. Capobianco.
B. Salisbury arrived at 6:05 pm.

Also in attendance were: B. Needham, G. Lanza, J. Musumeci, B. Boyd and D. Covey.

Audience of Citizens: J. Angelone, L. Smith and D. Darche.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Audience of Citizens - None

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence – Letter from J. Dallis, Grade 2 teacher requesting extended unpaid leave of absence.

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by K. Fantoli to add the request to the board agenda under New Business. Vote: All in favor.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of December 17, 2014
2. Superintendent’s January Report
3. Director of Special Services/Early Education’s January Report
4. Principals’ January Report
5. Budget and Expense Report for December 2014 – There will be line item transfers to be approved at the next meeting.

The consent agenda was approved as presented with the exception to one correction to the minutes.

B. Liaison Plainfield Board of Education Report

K. Fantoli attended the meeting. T. Rogers is retiring from Plainfield. There were line item budget transfers that were made. One of the security guards will be starting on January 20th and the other on February 18th. Both positions are part-time. Plainfield put out a Celebration of the Arts Calendar. The CABA Breakfast is scheduled for January 28th at 7:30 pm.

V. Old Business

A. 2015-16 Budget – B. Needham talked about the budget preparation. She informed the Board that the budget needs to be presented to the Board of Finance on March 11th so the Board would have to vote on the budget at their February meeting.

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B. First Reading Policies

1. 1700 Community Relations/*Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property*
2. 5113(a) Student/*Attendance/Excused/Dismissal*
3. 5141.3(a) Students/*Health Assessments and Immunizations*
4. 1331(a) Community Relations/*Smoke Free Environment*
5. 4152.6(a) Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified/ *Family and Medical Leave Act*
6. 5144.4(a) Discipline /*Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students*
7. 5141.4 Students/*Reporting Child Abuse*
8. 4118.24(a) Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified/*Staff/Student Relationships*
9. 5141.21(a) Students/*Administering Medication*
10. 5114 (a-q) Students/*Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process*
11. 5131.911(a) Students/*Hazing*
12. 5141.28(a) Student/*First Aid/Emergency Medical Care*
13. 5141.7(a) Student/*Student Sports – Concussion*
14. 1316.2(a) Community Relations/*Civility*
15. 5145(a) Students/*Section 504: Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities*
16. 4112.8(a) Personnel-Certified/Non-Certified: *Nepotism: Employment of Relatives*

Board members were asked to read the policies and if they have any questions or concerns please send them to the Policy Committee.

VI. New Business (Action Items)

A. 2015-16 Calendar

A draft copy of the calendar was given to the board. The administration is still looking at the teacher conferences and open house dates.

B. Extended maternity leave request.

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by L. Shippee to approve the unpaid maternity leave for Jenny Dallis from January 26, 2015 to March 13, 2015. Vote: All in favor.

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

R. Theroux-Keech asked if we had contacted the Board attorney about sending high school students to Woodstock instead of Plainfield. B. Needham informed her that she had and would go over it with them during executive session.

VIII. Audience of Citizen

J. Angelone questioned policy 5144.4 about keeping students from recess.

J. Angelone also asked that the Legislative Requirements for regional calendar be made available to the community.

IX. Executive Session – Legal

A motion was made by B. Salsibury and seconded by R. Choquette to go into executive session for the purpose of legal issues. Vote: All in favor

Present during executive session were: B. Needham, R. Theroux-Keech, B. Salisbury, K. Fantoli, R. Choquette, L. Shippee and D. Capobianco.

The Board exited executive session at 7:30 pm.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by D. Capobianco to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Vote: All in favor.