

**Sterling Board of Education**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2015**  
**Media Center 6:00 pm**  
**“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, R. Theroux-Keech.

Present: R. Theroux-Keech, R. Choquette, K. Fantoli, D. Capobianco and L. Shippee

Absent: B. Salisbury

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

Audience of Citizens: D. Darche and H. Wood

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Audience of Citizens - None**

**IV. Reports and Communications**

A. Correspondence

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of February 18, 2015
2. Superintendent's March Report
3. Director of Special Services/Early Education's March Report
4. Principal's March Report – J. Musumeci informed the Board that he wrote a grant for playground equipment and he received approximately \$87,000 to upgrade the playgrounds.
5. Budget and Expense Report for February 2015

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by R. Choquette to add the line item transfer to New Business. Vote: All in favor.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

C. Liaison Plainfield Board of Education Report – L. Shippee attended the Board of Finance Meeting instead of the Plainfield Board meeting.

D. Reports:

1. Electricity Usage Report – The board received a copy of the Usage Report from Con-Serv, who did the energy project. The report indicated the savings that we have already seen.

**V. Old Business**

A. Designated High School

The Board reaffirmed that the designation of Plainfield High School as their designated High School will continue.

B. 2015-16 Revised School Calendar

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the revised 2015-16 school calendar as presented. Vote: All in favor.

**VI. New Business**

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by R. Choquette to move the request from a parent regarding residency to executive session. Vote: All in favor.

A. Teacher Resignation

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by K. Fantoli to accept the resignation of T. Honiss at the end of the 2014-15 school year with regret. Vote: All in favor.

B. Parent request regarding residency – moved to executive session.

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by R. Choquette to approve the line item transfer from Consumable Workbooks to Textbooks in the amount of \$1,300.00. Vote: All in favor.

**VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments - None**

**VIII. Audience of Citizen - None**

**IX. Executive Session – Negotiations and Personnel**

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by L. Shippee to go into executive session at 6:15 pm for the purpose of negotiations and personnel. Vote: All in favor.

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

The Board exited executive session at 7:50 pm.

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by R. Choquette to authorize the Superintendent to keep the computer teacher at her current salary while she is working out certification issues. This action is to be in compliance with SEA contract in the capacity of teacher for grades 5 – 8 and long-term sub for grades 1 – 4. Vote: All in favor.

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by K. Fantoli to allow Jenna Surrell to attend Sterling Community School tuition free for the remainder of the year and take the bus to 217 Pine Hill Road at the end of the day. Vote: All in favor.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by R. Choquette to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Vote: All in favor.