

Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2015
Media Center 6:00 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Board Chair, R. Theroux-Keech.

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

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

Audience of Citizens: H. Wood, D. Darche and F. Coderre.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Audience of Citizens

D. Darche thanked the Board for the Breakfast they provided during Teacher Appreciation Week.

B. Needham introduced Faith Coderre, who will be taking over as the school nurse for the next school year.

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by L. Shippee to add Certified Resignation to the agenda under New Business F.

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by L. Shippee to add the vote for the Line Item Transfers to the agenda under New Business G.

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence

A letter was received from a parent indicating that they would be homeschooling their child.

A Thank You note was received from B. Boyd for the fruit basket.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of April 8, 2015
2. Superintendent's May Report
3. Director of Special Services/Early Education's May Report
4. Principals' May Report
5. Budget and Expense Report for April 2015

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

C. Liaison Plainfield Board of Education Report

R. Choquette attended the meeting in Plainfield, but she was absent from this meeting.

- D. Reports:
1. Report from FOI workshop – April 10, 2015 – B. Boyd

V. Old Business

- A. Last day of School June 22, 2015 – Graduation – June 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm
- B. Plainfield High School Graduation is June 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm. B. Needham and R. Theroux-Keech will be attending.

VI. New Business

- A. Approval of Healthy Certification

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by L. Shippee to approve the Healthy Certification including the exemption for afterschool programs for the 2015-16 school year. Vote: All in favor.

- B. Approval of School Readiness Grant

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by D. Capobianco to approve the School Readiness Grant as presented. Vote: All in favor.

- C. Approval of IDEA Grant

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by L. Shippee to approve the IDEA Grant as presented. Vote: All in favor.

- D. Policy #3260 - Business/Non-Instructional Operations - Disposal of Instructional Materials – First Reading

- E. Policy #3520.2 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations - Disaster Recovery – First Reading

- F. A motion was made by L. Shippee and B. Salisbury to accept the resignation with regret of Audrey Cadarette, Literacy Coach at the end of the school year. Vote: All in favor.

- G. A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by B. Salisbury to approve the Budget Line Item Transfers as presented. Vote: All in favor.

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

R. Theroux-Keech talked about scheduling Board Committee meetings when necessary. (i.e. New Policies – Policy Committee meeting, etc.)

VIII. Audience of Citizen - None

IX. Executive Session – Negotiations & Student Residency

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by L. Shippee to go into executive session at 6:45 pm for the purpose of Negotiations and Student Residency. Vote: All in favor.

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

The Board came out of executive session at 7:45 pm

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by D. Capobianco to approve the contract for Faith Coderre as presented. Vote: All in favor.

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by L. Shippee to accept the contract for one year for Deborah Covey as presented. Vote: All in favor.

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by D. Capobianco to approve the two year contract for Blair Donahue as presented. Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by L. Shippee to accept the amendment to Beverly Boyd contract to add health insurance option for husband at no cost to the Board. Vote: All in favor.

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by D. Capobianco to authorize the request from two individual families to allow their children to remain in Sterling Community School for the remainder of the school year and the parents will provide transportation. Vote: All in favor.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by L. Shippee to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Vote: All in favor.