

Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2015
Media Center 5:45 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by R. Theroux-Keech, Board Chair at 5:45.

Present were: R. Theroux-Keech, R. Choquette, L. Shippee and D. Capobianco
Also present were: B. Needham.

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Executive Session – Student Residency

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by R. Choquette to go into executive session at 5:45 pm for the purpose of student residency.

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

The Board exited executive session at 6:00 pm.

IV. Audience of Citizens - None

V. Reports and Communications

- A. Correspondence – A thank you note from G. Lanza.
- B. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of May 20, 2015
 - 2. Superintendent’s June Report –

B. Needham also noted that Lauren Pelsler was called back. She had been let go last year in a reduction in staff . She will be teaching Grade 2.
It was also asked if the auditors had any suggestions for us.
There were also questions on the signature cards for the Board of Education checks.

- 3. Director of Special Services/Early Education’s June Report
- 4. Principals’ June Report
- 5. Budget and Expense Report for June 12, 2015

The Consent agenda was approved as presented.

C. Liaison Plainfield Board of Education Report

D. Capobianco attended the meeting. There were parents there to discuss bus issues. Plainfield received the Silver Award. The Para’s contract negotiations were done in one session. They have a library bus that will be going around the town for the summer. Rena Cadro had secured \$2,000,000 in grant funds.

D. Reports:

- 1. Approval from State Department of Education 2015-16 Educator Evaluation and Support Plan.

VI. Old Business

- A. Last day of School June 22, 2015 – Graduation – June 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm
- B. Policy #3260 - Business/Non-Instructional Operations - Disposal of Instructional Materials – Second Reading.

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve Policy #3260 with the change that if allowed all monies from the sales of books, materials or equipment will be returned to the Student Activity Account if not then it would go into the town general account. Vote: All in favor.

- C. Policy #3520.2 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations - Disaster Recovery – Second Reading

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by L. Shippee to approve Policy 3520.2 as presented. Vote: All in favor.

- D. Approval of Line Item Transfers

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by L. Shippee to approve the line item transfers and the board will receive electronic copies to review in the future to close out the 2014-15 school year. Vote: All in favor.

VII. New Business

- A. Approval of 2015-16 Board of Education meeting calendar.

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by D. Capobianco to approve the 2015-16 Board of Education meeting calendar. All in favor.

- B. Hiring of Language Arts Teacher Grades 7 & 8

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by K. Fantoli to approved the hiring of Andrea McKenzie as the LA teacher for grades 7 & 8 for the 2015-16 school year. Vote: All in favor.

- C. Resignation – Certified Staff

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by K. Fantoli to accept the resignation of A. Wiza with regret. Vote: All in favor.

- D. July Meeting

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by K. Fantoli to cancel the July meeting. Vote: All in favor.

VIII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments – None

IX. Audience of Citizen – None

X. Executive Session – Negotiations

A motion was made R. Choquette and seconded by L. Shippee to go into executive session at 6:35 pm for the purpose of negotiations. Present during executive session were: B. Needham, R. Theroux-Keech, K. Fantoli, R. Choquette, L. Shippee and D. Capobianco.

The Board exited executive session at 7:27 pm.

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by K. Fantoli to deny the request to waive tuition; that the Board is to stay consistent with past practice and policy #5118. Vote: All in favor.

XI. Adjournment

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