

**Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2015
Community Room – 6:00 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by R. Theroux-Keech, board chair at 6:00 pm.

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

Also in attendance were: B. Needham, G. Lanza, S. Ternowchek, B. Boyd and D. Covey.

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Audience of Citizens - None

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence –

A letter was received from the CEA requesting information from the school on the certified staff for negotiations.

R. Theroux-Keech and K. Fantoli are the negotiation committee for the Board.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of June 17, July 8 & 9, 2015
2. Superintendent's August Report
3. Director of Special Services/Early Education's August Report
4. Principals' August Report
5. Budget and Expense Report for July, 2015

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

C. Liaison Plainfield Board of Education Report – No one attended

D. Reports

1. Summer Cleaning of School – B. Needham gave a special thanks to Russell Bonner for all the work he does to get the school ready for the new school year.

V. Old Business

- A. Negotiations Committee for SEA Negotiations – B. Boyd will coordinate the date for the first meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Action: Approval of One Year Maternity Leave

A motion was made by K. Fantoli and seconded by D. Capobianco to approve C. McLevy's one year maternity leave. Vote: All in favor.

B. Action: Teacher Resignations

A motion was made by K. Fantoli and seconded by B. Salisbury to approve the resignation of J. Gates, Grade 1 teacher with regret. Vote: All in favor.

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C. Action: Approval of Doctor's Standing Orders for 2015-16

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the Doctor's Standing Orders for 2015-16. Vote: All in favor.

D. Action: Approval of Chartwell's Amendment One for 2015-16

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the Amendment One to Chartwell's contract for the 2015-16 school year. Vote: All in favor.

E. Action: Approval of Line-Item Transfers 2014-15

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the Line-Item Transfers for the 2014-15 school year. Vote: All in favor.

F. Policies – First Reading

Policy #1331 – Community Relations; Smoke Free

Policy #4112.2 – Personnel; Certified

Policy #4131 – Appendix – In-Service Training

Policy # 5113 – Student; Attendance/Excuse/Dismissal

Policy #5114 – Student; Suspension and Expulsion

Policy #5131.6 – Student; Alcohol Use, Drug & Tobacco

Policy #5141.3 – Student; Health Assessments & Immunizations

Policy #5144.1 – Student; Use of Physical Force

Policy & Regulations #5145.511 – Student; Exploitation: Sexual Harassment

Policy & Regulations #6153 – Instruction; Educational Field Study/Extended Learning
Opportunities

Regulations #6173 – Instruction; Homebound & Hospitalized Instruction

The above policies were reviewed and will be put on the agenda to be voted on at the next meeting.

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

R. Choquette asked S. Ternowchek how things were going for her. She indicated that things were going well. She has seen some familiar faces.

VIII. Audience of Citizen

D. Darche apologized for S. Ozga for sending out the CEA letter with an error on it.

IX. Executive Session – Negotiations

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by K. Fantoli to go into executive session at 6:35 pm for the purpose of negotiations. Vote: All in favor.

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

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B.Needham left executive session at 7:00 pm.

The Board exited executive session at 7:15 pm.

X. Adjournment

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