

**Sterling Board of Education  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 20, 2016  
Community Room – 6:00 pm  
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”**

**I. Call to order.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by R. Theroux-Keech, Board Chair.  
Present were: R. Theroux-Keech, D. Capobianco, L. Shippee and R. Choquette. K. Fantoli arrived at 6:05 pm and left at 6:50 pm.

Also in attendance: B. Needham, B. Boyd and S. Ternowchek.

Audience of Citizens: S. Hirschboeck, B. Hirschboeck, C. Kettle, M. Gladding, J. Gladding, J. Angelone and D. Anforth.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Audience of Citizens**

C. Kettle informed the board that her child in Grade 1 had been threatened by another student on January 4<sup>th</sup>. She called the principal and set up a meeting with the Principal and the Superintendent. She also called the State Police and gave them a report. On January 6<sup>th</sup> she met with the Principal and the Superintendent and was reassured that the school takes threats serious and it was being handled. She does not feel comfortable or confident that her child will not be bullied or that there will be some retaliation.

M. Gladding talked about her child who is in Grade 1 who is also being bullied. They were punched, kicked, hit with objects from the classroom. She wanted to know what is going to happen to change this.

**IV. Reports and Communications**

A. Correspondence - None

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of December 16, 2015
2. Superintendent's January Report
3. Director of Special Services/Early Education's January Report
4. Principal's January Report
5. Budget and Expense Report for December, 2015

The consent agenda was approved with one correction to the minutes from December 16, 2015, a correction was made to a name.

C. Liaison Plainfield Board of Education Report – K. Fantoli

K. Fantoli reported that Plainfield Board of Education talked about their sports programs. The new band uniforms are in. This year's budget is on target. The savings they received from Workman's Comp will be shared with the town. The walk through of the schools has been complete and they have a 5 year plan.

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**VI. Old Business**

A. Draft Budget

B. Needham went over the proposed budget. A discussion was held. R. Choquette will send questions to B. Needham.

B. Extra Curricular Activities for Home School Students

The board has information from their Attorney regarding this and will discuss in executive session.

**VII. New Business**

A. Other - None

**VIII. Audience of Citizens**

J. Mackie has a student in Grade 2. There are some disruptive students in the class and they are negatively impacting the students.

D. Anforth had multiple questions for the board. He also talked about the lack of membership in the PTO.

**IX. Executive Session – Legal Matter**

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by L. Shippee to go into executive session for the purpose of legal matters at 7:15 pm. Vote: All in favor.

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

The Board exited executive session at 8:07 pm.

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by L. Shippee to deny with regret the request to have home school students participate in after school programs, school sports or other school sponsored activities, in accordance with Board of Education policies. Vote All in favor with regret.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by L. Shippee to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Vote: All in Favor.