

**Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 21, 2016
Community Room – 6:00 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by R. Choquette, Board Chair at 6:00 pm.

Present were: R. Choquette, R. Theroux-Keech, L. Shippee, D. Capobianco, B. Salisbury and K. Fantoli arrived at 6:15 pm.

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

Audience of Citizens: J. Usted, D. Darche, B. Donahue, the Botti Family, Derek Anforth and the Bessette Family.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Audience of Citizens - D. Anforth addressed his concerns to the Board about the number of absent teachers and the lack of substitutes. Some classes have to double up. The Board did up the pay to \$90.00 per day starting January 1, 2017.

- a. CAPSS Award Students – J. Botti and E. Bessette were introduced to the Board as the CAPSS award students.

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence – None

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of November 16, 2016
2. Superintendent’s December Report
3. Director of Special Services/Early Education’s December Report
4. Principal’s December Report
5. Budget and Expense Report

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: All in favor.

C. Liaison Plainfield Board of Education Report

Two Plainfield High School students from Sterling also received the award. Seth Barr and Morgan Savageau. The Plainfield High School band won the State and New England Championship and had a copy of the medal for the Board. Plainfield is looking at all day Kindergarten for next year.

V. Old Business

- A. Budget Update – A letter was received from Cheryl Laflamme-Miller. D. Shippee, R. Choquette and B. Needham met yesterday to talk about it. The Board of Finance had Authorized up to \$19,999.99 to be paid for the 2014-15 audit and get ready for the 2015-16 audit. A discussion was held regarding the services.

A motion was made by R. Theroux-Keech and seconded by B. Salisbury to request a Scope of Services and a dollar amount not to exceed from C. Laflamme-Miller for her work on the 2015-16 ED001 and to tie the deadline into that. Also that the Board receives backup information for all billable hours. Vote: All in favor.

- B. Board Workshop – January 17, 2016 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. If Board members want to submit something to be discussed please contact the Board Chair.

VI. New Business

- A. Policies – First Reading

- #4121(a-b) - Personnel – Certified – Substitute Teachers
 - #5118.1(a-b) & Regulations - Students – Homeless Students
 - #5145.511(a – d) – Students – Exploitation; Sexual Harassment
 - #6145(a-b) – Instruction – Extracurricular Activities

- B. Atlantic Broadcast Advisory Council – The word should be spread that the Board is looking for a representative for this Council.
- C. Board Goals and Objectives – A discussion was held that the Board should be given reports about how the Board Goals are being met.

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

R. Theroux-Keech asked about the Plainfield tuition. D. Martin informed her that the first bill has been received and was reviewed.

VIII. Audience of Citizens - none

IX. Executive Session – negotiations

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by K. Fantoli to go into executive session at 7:15 pm for the purpose of negotiations. Present during executive session were: B. Needham, R. Choquette, B. Salisbury, K. Fantoli, L. Shippee and D. Capobianco.

The Board exited executive session at 7:31.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by K. Fantoli to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.
Vote: All in favor.