

Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 2017
Sterling Community Room – 6:00 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Board Chair R. Choquette

Present were: R. Choquette, B. Salisbury, L. Shippee, D. Capobianco and K. Fantoli arrived at 6:20 pm.

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

Audience of Citizens: C. San Souci, D. Anforth, V. Moran, A. Campbell, H. Wood, J. Angelone F. Banks and N. Chenette.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Audience of Citizens

V. Moran, C. SanSouci and D. Anforth from the School Governance Committee gave a presentation to the board about what they have been doing and their plans for the future. They invited the Board of Education to the CABE training that they have tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2017.

R. Choquette thanked them and stated that the board would like to work to make the school a better place.

H. Wood indicated that she felt deep regret that D. Martin was leaving; she has been very professional and helpful.

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence

An email was received from R. Hughes amending his statement given to the Board of Education at the June meeting regarding discipline.

An email was received from N. Sieczkowski giving a list of basic art supplies that will be needed for the coming year.

The Board was given a list of the findings for the audit report for the 2014-15 school year.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of June 14, 27, 29 and July 6, 2017
2. Superintendent's and Director of Special Services/Early Education's July Report
3. Principal's July Report

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

C. Budget and Expense Report

D. Martin indicated that there would be around \$200,000.00 left in the 2016-17 budget. She should have everything ready to do the ED 141 and ED 001 by the time she leaves August 3rd. She also thanked the Board.

V. Old Business

A. 2014-15 and 2015-16 Audits

Changes were made to ED 001 as requested by the auditors for the 2014-15 school year but errors were indicated after changes were made.

The auditors are waiting for a response from C. Laflemme-Miller regarding 2015-16 questions.

VI. New Business

A. Approval of Certified Teacher Grade 1

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the hiring of C. Medbery as a Grade 1 teacher. Vote: All in favor.

B. Request to start school year

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by B. Salisbury to allow the Pomposelli children to start the school year in Sterling and parent will provide transportation. If they have not moved to Sterling after two months they will be required to pay tuition. Vote: All in favor.

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by D. Capobianco to allow the Grimshaw children to start the school year in Sterling and parent will provide transportation. If they have not moved to Sterling after two months they will be required to pay tuition. Vote: All in favor.

A motion was made by K. Fantoli and seconded by B. Salisbury to allow the Carmichael children to start the school year in Sterling and parent will provide transportation. If they have not moved to Sterling after two months they will be required to pay tuition. Vote: All in favor.

C. No Carryover of Vacation time

A letter was read from D. Martin asking to be paid out for vacation time that she would not be able to carry over. D. Martin withdrew the request.

R. Choquette stated that carrying over vacation time is not considered past or current practice and will not be approved moving forward.

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

L. Shippee commented on R. Hughes correspondence.

VIII. Audience of Citizens

F. Banks commented that she has enjoyed working with D. Martin and asked questions about the hiring process.

IX. Executive Session - Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of an Acting Superintendent of Schools.

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by D. Capobianco to go into executive session at 6:50 pm for the purpose of discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of an Acting Superintendent of Schools.

Present during executive session were: R. Choquette, B. Salisbury, K. Fantoli, L. Shippee and D. Capobianco. Also in attendance was G. Lanza.

The Board exited executive session at 7:25 pm.

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by K. Fantoli to appoint G. Lanza as Acting Superintendent of the Sterling School District effective August 1, 2017 subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Section 10-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Vote: All in favor.

X. 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.