

**Sterling Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting – February 20, 2019**  
**Sterling Community Room – 6:15 p.m.**  
**EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS**

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by R. Choquette

Present were: R. Choquette, D. Capobianco, L. Shippee, J. Turban and K. Fantoni (arrived at 6:21 p.m.)

Also in attendance: G. Lanza, L. Smith, L. Gandolf, D. Chrzan, and M. Cartier, Plainfield Board of Education Liaison.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. Public Comment** – Jackie Angelone commented on how well she thought things were going in school under the leadership of the new principals.

- IV. Reports and Communications**

**A. Correspondence**

1. A letter from E. Soares requesting her son, Noah, be allowed to finish the school year at SCS in the event that the family moves prior to the end of the year. Motion made by L. Shippee, seconded by D. Capobianco to table this item until March meeting. Vote: All in Favor.
2. A letter from K. DiPietro, Superintendent of Plainfield School System, outlining changes to be made on graduation requirements at Plainfield High.

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of January 16, 2019, January 23, 2019 and Tri-Board meeting February 11, 2019.
2. Superintendent/Special Education Director's Report – February
3. Principal's Report – February
4. Clinical Supervisor's Report – February

Motion made by L. Shippee, seconded by D. Capobianco to accept consent agenda as presented. Vote: All in favor.

**C. Budget and Expense Report** – January 31, 2019

- D. Plainfield Board of Education Liaison** – M. Cartier, J. Turban and Plainfield High School Principal Worth spoke on changes to be made referencing letter noted under correspondence section of the meeting. Plainfield Board has already approved these changes and they are asking Sterling Board to do the same. These changes which will be required in order to graduate are: one credit in a world language; one full credit of health education; and a reduction of credits necessary for graduation from 27 to 26. It was also suggested by M. Cartier and J. Turban that meetings between the two boards be scheduled when important issues were under consideration.

**E. Reports**

1. A. Wiegel – Technology Update – Alex reported that several robotic items, VRS headsets, and build-a-computer kits have been purchased using Title IV grant money. He also reported a Technology Committee has been formed and that he is working on redesigning the school web site.
2. G. Coleman – PDEC update – This report has been postponed until the March meeting.

**V. Unfinished Business**

- A. Principal Position – Mailings and postings were completed on February 6, 2019. The deadline for application submission is March 8, 2019. After this date interviews will begin. Members serving on the interview committee include: G. Lanza, L. Smith, L. Shippee, D. Capobianco, C. Langlois (parent representative), C.S.E.A. and S.E.A. representatives. An invitation has been extended to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to appoint a representative to serve.
- B. Revised Executive Assistant/HR job description – Motion by K. Fantoli, seconded by J. Turban to accept revision as presented. Vote: All in favor.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Letter from Plainfield regarding change in graduation requirements – Motion made by K. Fantoli, seconded by J. Turban to accept these changes as outlined. Vote: All in favor.
- B. Change in 2018-19 Calendar – Motion made by L. Shippee, seconded by D. Capobianco to change Professional Development days as follows: March 8<sup>th</sup> from full day to half day and March 29<sup>th</sup> from half day to full day. Vote: All in favor.
- C. Policies – First Reading
  1. #4117.4 – Personnel – Certified-Non-Certified – Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees
  2. #4118.5 – Personnel – Certified-Non-Certified – Rights, Responsibilities and Duties – Policy, Regulations & Form
  3. #4118.51 – Personnel – Certified-Non-Certified - Social Media Policy & Regulations
  4. #5131.81 - Students – Electronic Devices – Policy & Regulations
  5. #5132 - Students – Dressing and Grooming
  6. #6141.327 – Instruction – Electronic Resources – Policy & Regulations

- VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments** – Brief discussion on nature of and advantage of holding joint meetings between Plainfield and Sterling Boards. Survey Committee reported there have been 36 responses to date and that reminder has been sent to staff so that we might make a report might be made at the March meeting.

- VIII. Executive Session – Negotiation and Personnel Matters** – Motion made by L. Shippee and

seconded by K. Fantoli to enter executive session at 6:55 p.m. Vote: All in favor.

Present in executive session: G. Lanza, R. Choquette, J. Turban, K. Fantoli, L.Shippee, D. D.Capobianco.

G. Lanza left executive session at 8:04 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:25 p.m.

**X. Adjournment** – Motion made by L. Shippee, seconded by K. Fantoli to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.