

Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 15, 2021
Community Room - 6:00 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”

I. Call to Order

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

Present were: F. Bood; L. Shippee; D. Capobianco; C. Langlois; M. Rouillard,
V. Robinson-Lewis

Also in attendance were: S. Rourke, H. Nickerson, L. Smith, C. Chandler,
F. Cornachione

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence

- Letter from the State of CT Board of Education approving Susan Rourke’s appointment as interim superintendent.

- Card from Heather Nickerson thanking the BOE for the flowers that they sent

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 18, 2021
2. Superintendent Report
3. Special Education Director’s Report
4. Principal’s Report
5. Clinical Supervisor’s Report
6. Monthly Check Register

C. Langlois asked administration if we would be following the Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) System this year? H. Nickerson stated that we SEL work that we were doing last year, we were collecting data. A lot of other schools

were not doing it yet. We do not have to use the pilot.

A motion was made by M. Rouillard and seconded by C. Langlois to accept the consent agenda as presented. Vote: All in favor.

C. Budget and Expense Report

A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis to approve the budget and expense report as presented. Vote: All in favor

D. Plainfield Board of Education Liaison

D. Capobianco attended the September BOE meeting. She reported that Central School student representatives spoke and said what they were looking forward to this year. They had presented 3 BOE student representatives. She noticed that there was not a representative from Sterling and has made them aware. They announced that Kevin Mariano is a finalist for the district as “Teacher of the Year.” Plainfield had a BOE resignation and has filled their vacancy. She stated that they had a letter from DATTCO stating that there is a driver shortage for many reasons; retirement, fear of COVID, and shortage of hours because so many schools were remote. They are not able to transport to athletic events and field trips. She reported that they covered the EASTCONN BY LAWS. The board showed a video of students and what they are looking forward to. Most are looking forward to sports, band, and being with friends. D. Capobianco stated that Jacob Irons is the official spokesperson for the Notre Dame girls volleyball team. They talked about the number of COVID cases: 43 cases - 63 overall. They presented the prek -high school curriculum and talked about the development plan. She does have copies of these. There is going to be a school walk through at PHS on Oct. 7th at 9:00am. Call or email to let them know that you would like to attend and reserve your place. They are still working on the MOU for the board of finance to put the funds in reserve for capital improvements. She also stated that they have hired several new teachers. The high school has a new music teacher and a new art teacher.

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

- A.** Flexibilities for Implementing the CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluator Evaluation 2017 for the 2021-2022 School Year.
S. Rourke discussed and reviewed the State evaluation flexibilities plan which the PDEC Committee is in agreement with continuing for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by M. Rouillard to accept the Flexibilities for Implementing the CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluator Evaluation 2017 for the 2021-2022 School Year. Vote: All in favor.

B. Introduction of New Employees

H. Nickerson introduced the following employees:
Frank Cornachione, Director of Student Services
Amber Van Dyne, 6th Grade Teacher
Alissa Morrison, 5th Grade Teacher

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Executive Session

A Motion was made by C. Langlois and seconded by V. Robinson-Lewis to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss attorney/client documents. Vote: All in favor.

X. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm

