

Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 20, 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; D. Capobianco; C. Langlois; M. Rouillard,

V. Robinson-Lewis - L. Shippee joined at 6:10pm

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

F. Cornachione, C. Brannon

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment

- A. May expressed concerns about the exposure to CO2 our students are having with the wearing of masks. M. Irizzary assisted in a demonstration with a CO2 monitor. A. May presented to the Board a document about the Indoor Air Quality in Classrooms and COVID19
- D. Reale presented a court document regarding an open lawsuit in Plainfield to the Board.
- N. Chenette stated that she has mask concerns and thanked the Board for what they have been doing.
- S. Williams asked about the Plainfield Coop Agreement and the ESSR money that the school is receiving.

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence

None

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 15, 2021
2. Superintendent Report
3. Special Education Director's Report
4. Principal's Report
5. Clinical Supervisor's Report
6. Monthly Check Register

A motion was made by M. Rouillard and seconded by C. Langlois to accept the consent agenda.

Vote: All in favor.

C. Budget and Expense Report

A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by C. Langlois to approve the budget and expense report as presented.

Vote: All in favor

D. Plainfield Board of Education Liaison

L. Shippee had attended the Plainfield Board of Education meeting on October 13th. She submitted notes from the meeting. S. Rourke highlighted the items that were relevant to the Plainfield/Sterling partnership. Eeva-Liisa Stone is now serving as a student representative and Plainfield voted to approve the Coop Agreement.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Paul Brenton, Plainfield Superintendent of Schools, introduced himself, gave a brief overview, and presented the AGREEMENT SUSTAINING THE PLAINFIELD AND STERLING HIGH SCHOOL COOPERATIVE.

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by C. Langlois to accept and sign the Plainfield and Sterling High School Cooperative agreement.

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by V. Robinson Lewis and seconded by M. Rouillard to add

D. Review of Committees under New Business.

Vote: All in favor

VI. New Business

A. Introduction of New Employees

S. Rourke introduced Courtney Brannon, Business Manager
H. Nickerson introduced Sean Quint, 6th Grade Teacher

B. 2022 Board of Education Calendar

A motion was made by M. Rouillard and seconded by V. Robinson Lewis to table the vote to accept the 2022 Board of Education Calendar until after the election of new members in November.

Vote: All in favor

C. 8th Grade DC Trip

H. Nickerson reported that students are planning to attend the trip to Washington DC at the end of May and that she has approved the sale of candy bars, which has been successful in the past. Also, funds that have been carried over from previous years will be looked into.

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by M. Rouillard that the students are able to attend the DC Trip.

Vote: All in favor

D. Review of Committees

S. Rourke spoke to the document that was discovered that said that L. Shippee, C. Langlois, and V. Robinson-Lewis were on the Negotiation Committee. This was also noted in the May 2021 meeting minutes. The only members that were invited to be at the teacher Negotiation meetings were L. Shippee, C. Langlois, and F. Bood who joined as Board Chair. With the election of new members to the Board happening in November and seeing that V. Robinson Lewis is on the ballot S. Rourke stated that the team would like to keep the Negotiation team for the certified union as is and invite V. Robinson Lewis if re-elected to join the Non-Certified Negotiation team.

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

L. Shippee thanked Frank for his service on the Board of Education.
F. Bood thanked the Board.

VIII. Public Comment

S. Williams asked about the Finance Manager in regards to the budget. F. Bood explained the process.

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 at 6:42 pm .

Vote: All in favor.

- Reentry to meeting at 7:06pm

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by V. Robinson-Lewis that the Board adhere to Policy 5118A and to allow non-resident Student A to continue to attend Sterling Community School pending tuition payment.

Vote: All in favor

X. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm