STERLING BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 16, 2026 • Community Room • 6:00 p.m.

"EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS"

I. Call to Order

- **Meeting called to order by:** Courtney Langlois (Board Chair) at 6:00 PM

- **Board Members Present:** Jennifer Mossner (Vice Chair); Victoria Robinson-Lewis (Treasurer); John Brady (Vice Treasurer); Catherine Malo (Board Member)

- **Administration/Staff Present:** Theodore Friend (Superintendent), Heather Nickerson (Principal); Sara Howley (Business Manager); Christine Chandler (Board Clerk)

- **Absent from the meeting:** Benjamin Johnston (Board Member)

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Public Comment

No one was present.

IV. Reports and Communications

A. **Correspondence**

B. **Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of Meeting August 19, 2026
2. Superintendent's 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 J. Brady and seconded by V. Robinson-Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
  - Vote: All in favor
  - Motion: Passed

C. **Budget and Expense Report**
S. Howley reviewed the Financial/Budget Discussions that were included in the packet and discussed the cost of health insurance carried by the Board for school employees.

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Brady to approve the Budget and Expense Report as presented.
  - Vote: All in favor
  - Motion: Passed

D. **Plainfield Board of Education Liaison**
No Board members were able to attend.

E. **Personnel - Resignation/Retirement/New Hire**
New Hire - Lisa Legler (Paraeducator)
New Hire - Tara Plasse (Paraeducator)
New Hire - Angel Stewart (RBT)
New Hire - Brendon Phaneuf (Long-term Substitute 4th Grade)
New Hire - Meagan Consolo (Long-term Substitute 5th Grade)

V. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

VI. New Business

A. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the declaration of obsolescence for listed technology items.

It was noted that these are items that are obsolete to the school and would be turned over to the town's Board of Selectmen.

- A motion was made by C. Malo and seconded by V. Robinson-Lewis to approve the declaration of obsolescence for listed technology items.
  - Vote: All in favor
  - Motion: Passed

B. Review, discussion, and possible approval of Culligan installing 2 water filtration units in the kitchen and 4 water bottle/drinking stations at the cost of $9,834.

T. Friend and S. Howley gave an update on the water testing and temporary solution to put in place.

- A motion was made by J. Mossner and seconded by C. Malo to approve Culligan installing 2 water filtration units in the kitchen and 4 water bottle/drinking stations at the cost of $9,834.
    - Vote: All in favor
    - Motion: Passed

VII. Committee Updates

A. Policy - No updates at this time
B. Budget - No updates at this time
C. Negotiations - No updates at this time

VIII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

No one had any recommendations, questions and/or comments at this time.

IX. Public Comment

No one was present.

X. Executive Session

None

XI. Adjournment

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Mossner to adjourn the meeting.
    - Vote: All in favor
    - Motion: Passed
    - Meeting adjourned: 6:23 PM