

Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 18, 2024
Community Room - 6:00pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Courtney Langlois, Board Chair at 6:00pm

Present at meeting were: Jennifer Mossner, Vice Chair; Dorothy Capobianco, Treasurer; Victoria Robinson-Lewis, Vice Treasurer; John Brady, Board Member;

Absent from the meeting: Catherine Malo, Board Member

Also present were: Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Heather Nickerson, Principal; Laura Smith, Clinical Supervisor, Kristen Cavaliere, Director of Student Services and Early Childhood Development; Sara Howley, Business Manager; Christine Chandler, Board Clerk

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment

No one wanted to comment at this time

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Meeting August 21, 2024
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 V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by D. Capobianco to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - Vote: 4 in favor 1-abstention - J. Mossner (Minutes of the August 21, 2024) meeting)
 - Motion: Passes

C. Budget and Expense Report

S. Howley gave an update on the 2023-2024 Budget balance remaining = \$83,245.22. She also stated that there are no open purchase orders remaining. She also gave an update on tuition costs for FY25.

Sara reviewed the Grants for the Board stating that the ARP ESSER AND ARP ESSER Right to Read Grants must be fully expended by 09/30/2024.

ARPA Right to Read must be fully expended by 12/31/2024.

New Stronger Connections Grant through EGMS would be used to fund the Homework Club

- A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by J. Mossner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - Vote: All in favor
 - Motion: Passes

D. Plainfield Board of Education Liaison

No one was able to attend this meeting

E. Personnel - Resignation/Retirement

Victoria Huang - New Hire - Middle School Social Studies

V. Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time

VI. New Business

Nothing at this time

VII. Committee Updates

- A. Policy - we are working on scheduling a meeting
- B. Budget - nothing at this time
- C. Negotiations - Ted is working with the SEA. The Cooperative Agreement Contract with Plainfield is being worked on also.

VIII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

No one spoke

IX. Public Comment

No one wanted to comment at this time

X. Executive Session

- A. Discussion of SEA Contract Negotiations for Teachers
- B. Discussion of Personnel Matters

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Brade to enter into executive session to discuss SEA Contract Negotiations, Personnel Matters, and to invite Mr. Friend and S. Howley.
 - Vote: All in favor
 - Motion: passes
- Entered into Executive Session: 6:15PM
- Exited Executive Session: 6:42PM

XI. Adjournment

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Mossner to adjourn the meeting.
 - Vote: All in favor
 - Motion: Passes
 - Meeting adjourned: 6:43PM