

Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 16, 2022
Community Room - 6:00 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Theodore Friend, Superintendent

Present at the meeting were: M. Rouillard, L. Shippee, D. Capobianco, J. Mossner, V. Robison-Lewis, C. Langlois

Also present at the meeting were: C. Chandler, C. Brannon, H. Nickerson, L. Smith, M. Pearson

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Election of Officers

- A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by C. Langlois to nominate M. Rouillard for Board Chair. Written ballots were taken.
Vote: 5-in favor 1-abstention Motion passed
- A motion was made by M. Rouillard and seconded by C. Langlois to nominate L. Shippee for Vice Chair. Written ballots were taken.
Vote: all in favor Motion passed
- A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by M. Rouillard to nominate D. Capobianco for Treasurer/Secretary. Written ballots were taken.
Vote: all in favor Motion passed
- A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by L. Shippee to nominate V. Robison-Lewis for Vice Treasurer. Written ballots were taken.
Vote: all in favor Motion passed

T. Friend turned the meeting over to M. Rouillard.

IV. Public Comment

L. Montecalvo asked the Board to consider revising the homeschooling sports policy to allow homeschooled students to participate in school sports.

M. Rouillard noted that the CIAC conference that we belonged to doesn't allow it.

V. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence - None

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Meeting October 19, 2022
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. Lewis and seconded by J. Mossner to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 5 - in favor 1- abstention (L. Shippee was not at the last BOE meeting) Motion passed

C. Budget and Expense Report

C. Brannon presented the Budget and Expense Report.

- A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by L. Shippee to accept the Budget and Expense Report as presented. Vote: All in favor Motion passed

D. Plainfield Board of Education Liaison

J. Mossner attended the Plainfield Board of Education meeting on November 9, 2022. She shared the highlights with the Board. In her highlights she noted that Sterling students had participated in 8th Grade Step up Day and shadowed students at PHS on November 10th to see all of the programs that would be available to them.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action on the Line Striping for the Parking Lot to increase the cost from \$9,782.00 to \$10,448.00.

C. Brannon noted that the original quote did not include the fog line in the main driveway and that the Board of Finance had already approved the use of the SCS funds for the parking lot.

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- Motion was made by C. Langlois and seconded by J. Mossner to approve the increased cost on the line striping for the parking lot from \$9,782.00 to \$10,448.00.

Vote: All in favor

- B. Update on Fingerprinting for Employees and Raptor process for Volunteers.
C. Brannon provided the Board with an update on fingerprinting at the Plainfield Police Department and the use of the Raptor system for volunteers. We will soon be ready to implement the Raptor system for background checks for volunteers.

VII. New Business

- A. Review, Discussion and Possible Action to approve the 8th Grade Trip to DC on Wednesday, May 25, Thursday, May 26, and Friday, May 27.

C. Mennella informed the Board that the cost of the trip this year is \$865.00.

- Motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by L. Shippee to approve the 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC, May 25 - May 27.

Vote: All in favor

- B. Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Support Staff Evaluation Form and the MOA.

- Motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by V. Robinson-Lewis to approve the Support Staff Evaluation form and the MOA.

Vote: All in favor

- C. New Employee
Magen Surrell - Paraprofessional

- D. Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Repairs to the Outside Clock.
M. Rouillard asked that C. Brannon and C. Luba to check into what the warranty would be for the work being done.

- Vote was tabled until December because we are waiting for one more quote to come in.

- E. Discussion and Possible Action to use SCS Funds to Make Repairs to the Outside Clock.

- Vote was tabled until the December meeting.

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- F. Committee Appointments
 - 1. Policy - J. Mossner, D. Capobianco
 - 2. Budget - C. Langlois, M. Rouillard, L. Shippee
 - 3. Negotiations - V. Robinson-Lewis

VIII. Committee Updates

- A. Policy - none at this time
- B. Budget - none at this time

IX. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

None at this time

X. Public Comment

C. Mennella informed the Board that her daughter, a former student, Gianna Mennella was voted Distinguished Young Woman for the State of Connecticut, a scholarship based program. She will be attending Nationals in Mobile, Alabama representing the State of Connecticut. Members of the Board and audience clapped and sent congratulations to Gianna.

XI. Executive Session

None

XII. Adjournment

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by D. Capobianco to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm