Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 8, 2026
Community Room - 6:00pm
"EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS"

I. Call to Order-

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

Present at the meeting: Jennifer Mossner (Vice Chair), Victoria Robinson-Lewis (Treasurer), John Brady (Vice Treasurer)

Also present at the meeting: Theodore Friend (Superintendent), Sara Howley (Business Manager), Laura Smith (Clinical Supervisor) Christine Chandler (Board Clerk) , Dr. Susan Nash-Ditzel (Superintendent ,Killingly Public Schools)

Absent: Catherine Malo (Board Member), Benjamin Johnston (Board Member)

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

- A motion was made by J. Brady and seconded by J. Mossner to move **NEW BUSINESS** Item A. (Dr. Susan Nash-Ditzel's update on Killingly High School student programs and activities) to item IV on the agenda.
    - Vote: All in favor
    - Outcome: Motion Passed

IV. New Business

A. Dr. Susan Nash-Ditzel, Superintendent of Killingly Public Schools, will provide an update on Killingly High School student programs and activities.

Dr. Nash's presentation included a "Student Snapshot" regarding academics, behavior, attendance, and climate.

V. Reports and Communications

A. **Correspondence**

B. **Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of Meeting March 18, 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. Mossner and seconded by V. Robinson-Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
    - Vote: All in favor
    - Outcome: Motion Passed

C. **Budget and Expense Report**

S. Howley reviewed the Financial/Budget report. Discussion included line items currently over budget and current projections indicating an anticipated year-end operating surplus of approximately $70,000. It was noted that this figure is subject to final year-end reconciliations.

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

D. **Plainfield Board of Education Liaison**

It was noted that the Plainfield BOE is meeting concurrently this evening.

E**.** **Personnel - Resignation/Retirement**

(Retirement) Alyssa Civiello - Kindergarten

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Mossner to accept the resignation of Alyssa Civiello with regret.
    - Vote: All in favor
    - Outcome: Motion passed

(Resignation) Allison Young - Paraeducator

VI. Unfinished Business

Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval of the following Policies/Regulations - 2nd Reading

Policy #4152.6/4252.6 Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified - Family Medical Leave Act
Regulation #4152.6/4252.6 Personnel-Certified/Non-Certified - Family Medical Leave Act
Policy #0521 - Mission-Goals-Objectives - Nondiscrimination
Policy #6161.12/1312.3 - Instruction/Community Relations - Library Material Review and Reconsideration Policy
Policy #6161.13/1312.4 - Instruction/Community Relations - Library Collection Development and Maintenance Policy

Regulation #6161.13/1312.4 - Instruction/Community Relations - Library Collection Development and Maintenance Policy
Policy #6161.14/1312.5 - Instruction/Community Relations - Library Display and Program Policy

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Mossner to approve the following Policy/Regulations as presented:
  - **Policy #4152.6/4252.6 Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified -** Family Medical Leave Act
  - **Regulation #4152.6/4252.6 Personnel-Certified/Non-Certified -** Family Medical Leave Act
  - **Policy #0521 - Mission-Goals-Objectives** - Nondiscrimination
  - **Policy #6161.12/1312.3 - Instruction/Community Relations** - Library Material Review and Reconsideration Policy
  - **Policy #6161.13/1312.4 - Instruction/Community Relations -** Library Collection Development and Maintenance Policy
  - **Regulation #6161.13/1312.4 - Instruction/Community Relations** - Library Collection Development and Maintenance Policy
  - **Policy #6161.14/1312.5 - Instruction/Community Relations** - Library Display and Program Policy

    - Vote: All in favor
    - Outcome: Motion Passed

VII. New Business

A. Moved item A to Section IV on the agenda after the Public Comment under the motion that was passed.

B. Review, discussion, and possible approval of an 8th Graduation date of Monday, June 15, 2026 at 5:30PM.

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Mossner to approve the 8th Grade Graduation date of Monday, June 15, 2026 at 5:30PM.
  - Vote: All in favor
  - Outcome: Motion passed

C. Review, discussion, and possible approval of the following Field Study trips:
- 5th Grade Music Class to Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Providence, RI on May 29, 2026.
- 4th Grade to Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA on May 7, 2026.

- A motion was made by J. Mossner and seconded by J. Brady to approve the 5th Grade Music Class field study trip to Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Providence, RI on May 29, 2026 and the 4th Grade field study trip to Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA on May 7, 2026.
  - Vote: All in favor
  - Outcome: Motion passed

D. Review, discussion, and possible approval to waive the bidding requirement for the Otis elevator repair per Town Code § 70-7 due to its proprietary nature, and to authorize the expenditure of $40,700 from the District Repair and Improvement Project Grant for this contract.

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Mossner to waive the bidding requirement for the Otis elevator repair per Town Code § 70-7 due to its proprietary nature, and to authorize the expenditure of $40,700 from the District Repair and Improvement Project Grant for this contract.

VIII. Committee Updates

A. Policy - Nothing to report at this time
B. Budget - Nothing to report at this time
C. Negotiations - Nothing to report at this time

IX. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

None at this time.

X. Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

XI. Executive Session

Not required at this time.

XII. Adjournment

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Mossner to adjourn the meeting.
    - Vote: All in favor
    - Outcome: Motion passed
    - Meeting adjourned at 6:34PM