# Sterling Board of Education
## Minutes of the Regular Meeting
## August 19, 2026
## Community Room - 6:00pm
## "EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS"

**I. Call to Order**

**The Meeting was called to order by:** Courtney Langlois (Board Chair) at 6:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Victoria Robinson-Lewis (Treasurer), John Brady (Vice Treasurer), Catherine Malo (Board Member), Benjamin Johnston (Board Member)

**Administrators/Staff Present:** Theodore Friend (Superintendent), Heather Nickerson (Principal),Christine Chandler (Board Clerk)

**Absent from the meeting:** Jennifer Mossner (Vice Chair), Sara Howley (Business Manager)

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**III. Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak.

**IV. Reports and Communications**

A. **Correspondence**

B. **Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of Meeting June 17, 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 V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by C. Malo to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.
  - Vote: All in favor
  - Outcome: Motion Passed

C. **Budget and Expense Report**

T. Friend presented the Budget and Expense report in S. Howley's absence, reading directly from her written Financial/ Budget Discussions Report.

- 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
  - Outcome: Motion Passed

D. **Plainfield Board of Education Liaison**

No liaison was able to attend. However, C. Langlois shared updates regarding a large 'welcome back to school ' celebration and noted that football had started and that other fall sports would be starting soon.

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

T. Friend noted that we are in the process of hiring 4 to 5 employees and that he will give an accurate update at the next Board meeting in September.

## V. Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business at this time.

## VI. New Business

A. Set up a Personnel Committee

- Members of the Personnel Committee will be:
  - Courtney Langlois
  - John Brady
  - Catherine Malo

B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Line Item Transfers for the Fiscal Year 26.

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by C. Malo to approve the Line Item Transfers as presented.
  - Vote: All in favor
  - Outcome: Motion passed

## VII. Committee Updates

A. Policy - Committee meeting dates will be scheduled in the near future

B. Budget - Committee meeting dates will be scheduled in the near future

C. Negotiations - Committee meeting dates for UPSEU Negotiations will be scheduled in the near future.

## VIII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

B. Johnston shared an overview of the town municipal bonds including the maturity schedule.

## IX. Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

## X. Executive Session

A. Discuss Personnel Matter

- The item for executive session was struck from the active agenda by consensus, as no executive session was required.

## XI. Adjournment

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by C. Malo to adjourn the meeting.
    - Vote: All in favor
    - Outcome: Motion passed
    - Meeting adjourned: 6:25 pm