

Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 20, 2025
Community Room - 6:00pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Courtney Langlois, Board Chair at 6:00pm.

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

Also present at the meeting were: Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Heather Nickerson, Principal; Sara Howley, Business Manager; Christine Chandler, Board Clerk

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment

No one came forward to speak at this time.

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Meeting June 16, 2025
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 J. Mossner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - Vote: All in favor
 - Motion: Carried

C. Budget and Expense Report

S. Howley, Business Manager, reviewed all topics included on the Financial/Budget Discussions paperwork.

- A motion was made by C. Malo and seconded by V. Robinson-Lewis to approve the Budget and Expense Report as presented.

D. Plainfield Board of Education Liaison

C. Langlois attended the meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025. They spoke about grants and funding. They did a lot of hiring over the summer and now they are better staffed this upcoming school year. Fall sports have started, they were able to start a little earlier this summer. The football team consists of members of Plainfield High, Ellis Tech, and Putnam High. At the meeting they appointed the new Board of Education student representatives. They have a new Athletic Director. He is working on building up the extra curricular activities. A new SRO was also introduced at the meeting.

E. Personnel - Resignation/Retirement

New Hire - Sarah Courtemanche - Special Education

V. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

VI. New Business

A. Request for a Memorial Bench for Deceased Staff

Liz Glaude, a former Sterling teacher stated that a group of retired teachers would like to have a plaque inside the school or plaques made for the benches outside in recognition of the following former teachers: Lucian Dzialo, Joanne Grezelak, William Asal, and Kevin Leddy.

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by C. Malo to accept the gift of memorial bench or plaque to be placed inside or outside of the school or with the location to be worked out with the principal.
 - Vote: All in favor
 - Motion: Passed

B. Review, discussion and possible approval of Line Item Transfers

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Mossner to approve the Line Item Transfers as presented.
 - Vote: All in favor
 - Motion: Passed

VII. Committee Updates

- A. Policy
- B. Budget
- C. Negotiations

VIII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

None at this time

IX. Public Comment

No one came forward to speak at this time.

X. Executive Session

An Executive Session was not needed at this meeting.

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 at: 6:30pm