

TRI BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sterling Board of Selectmen

Sterling Board of Education

Sterling Board of Finance

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:00pm

STERLING COMMUNITY SCHOOL

251 Sterling Road, Sterling CT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Jack Joslyn, BOS

Present at the meeting: Board of Selectmen members : J. Joslyn, D. Shippee

Board of Education members: V. Robinson-Lewis, D. Capobianco, J. Mossner, C. Malo, J. Brady

Board of Finance members: B. Salisbury, N. Delmonico, P. Rabbit, J. Molodich

Also present: T. Friend, C. Brannon

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. BOARD OF FINANCE ITEMS

B. Salisbury discussed and gave updates on the following:

* School bus inquiry- three members of the BOF met with bussing coordinator K. Gunn to see how our buses are managed. They felt that this is a large task, but believe it is being well managed.

* Methods of evaluating program effectiveness: Superintendent T. Friend addressed these questions. He noted that we have data teams to evaluate test scores and make recommendations for changes and improvements. We have a model SEL program in the school. Behavioral issues have drastically improved. Focus is on instruction and education. Behavioral referrals in January 2023 were 38, January 2024 cut to 13.

* Factors affecting MBR and PPE: There were questions asked of T. Friend and C. Brannon about the value of the money being spent on the school. Discussion ensued.

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

*Budget Update 2024-2025

The budget sub-committee, Superintendent and Business Manager have been working on the budget. Of concern is a \$305,000 high school tuition increase. This is a non-negotiable expense.

* Transportation Audit

Cost will be \$7800 for the audit. This cost will be paid by the Town.

V. BOARD OF SELECTMEN ITEMS

*Discuss projects at the Town Hall

Painting will be done in the gym and Recreation area of the building. ARPA funds are being used to cover expense.

*EV Charging Stations

Will be installed at Town Hall. No expense to the Town.

- River Road Landslide
The town engineer has evaluated the issue and the town is working to address the issue
- Code of Conduct
The BOS has enacted a code of conduct for all town Board members and Town Staff as well. It has been well received and we have most signed acknowledgement pages back.
- Recreation Program
The Recreation Program is very active and contributing to an increase in town revenue in the department.
- Preparation for summer road work
Possible roads to be done this summer MAY include Porter Pond and Newport Road. This will be done in the same technique used last year.
- Manhole Restoration
Many manholes were paved over by the State, some several times. We now have to locate them, dig through asphalt and raise the caps to road level. This is necessary because we need to access the pipes below.

VI. ANY OTHER ISSUES

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 8:20 pm