

**Sterling Board of Education**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**January 21, 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 pm

Present at the meeting were: Jennifer Mossner (Vice Chair), Victoria Robinson-Lewis (Treasurer), Catherine Malo (Board Member), John Brady (Board Member), Benjamin Johnston (Board Member)

Also present at the meeting were: Theodore Friend (Superintendent), Laura Smith (Clinical Supervisor), Dr. Kristen Lanzillo (Director of Student Services), Sara Howley (Business Manager), Christine Chandler (Board Clerk)

Absent from the meeting: Heather Nickerson (Principal)

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by C. Malo to move item **New Business** Item A. (Introduction of Stacey Kelleher) to item III on the agenda.
  - Vote: All in favor
  - Outcome: Motion Passed

**III. New Business**

- A. Introduction of Stacey Kelleher, Principal of Plainfield High School.  
After introducing herself, Ms. Kelleher briefed the Board on Plainfield High School’s current programs and upcoming goals.  
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**IV. Public Comment**

No one was present to speak

**V. Reports and Communications**

**A. Correspondence**

The Board received a thank you note from former Board member, Dorothy Capobianco. The note was shared with the Board members for their information.

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of Meeting December 17, 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 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 presented the submitted Financial/Budget Discussions report for review.

- A motion was made by Victoria 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**

A representative from the Sterling Board of Education was unable to attend the Plainfield Board meeting.

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

T. Friend mentioned that we have brought on two additional substitute paraeducators.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

None at this time

**VII. New Business**

- A. Moved item **A** to **Section III** on the agenda under the motion that was passed.
  
- B. Review, discussion, and possible appointment of Heather Nickerson as the Sterling Board of Education Representative to the Cable TV Advisory Council.
  - A motion was made by C. Malo and seconded by V. Robinson-Lewis to approve the appointment of Heather Nickerson as the Sterling Board of Education Representative to the Cable TV Advisory Council.
    - Vote: All in favor
    - Outcome: Motion Passed
  
- C. Review, discussion, and possible approval of the 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C. leaving on May 20, 2026 and returning on May 22, 2026.
  - A motion was made by C. Malo and seconded by J. Mossner to approve the 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
    - Vote: All in favor
    - Outcome: Motion Passed
  
- D. Review, discussion, and possible appointment of a Board member as the CABA Liaison.
  - A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Mossner to appoint C. Langlois as the CABA Liaison.
    - Vote: All in favor
    - Outcome: Motion Passed

**VIII. Committee Updates**

- A. Policy - B. Johnston was appointed to the Policy committee. A meeting is scheduled for 5:00 pm on February 18, 2026.
- B. Budget - Is being prepared for presentation to the Board
- C. Negotiations - No negotiations at this time

**IX. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments**

None at this time

**X. Public Comment**

No one was present to speak.

**XI. Executive Session**

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

**XII. Adjournment**

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by J. Brady to adjourn the meeting.
  - Vote: All in favor
  - Outcome: Motion Passed
  - Meeting adjourned 6:51pm