

Sterling Board of Education
Regular Meeting – March 28, 2019
Sterling Community Room – 6:15 pm
EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by R. Choquette, Board Chair.

Present were: R. Choquette, L. Shippee, D. Capobianco and K. Fantoli

Also in attendance were: G. Lanza, L. Smith, B. Boyd, D. Chrzan and M. Cartier, Plainfield Board of Education

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence

1. Thank you note from B. Boyd was received.
2. A letter of resignation from M. Casey, Grade 7 & 8 Math teacher was received.

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by D. Capobianco to accept the resignation of M. Casey with deep regret. Vote: All in favor.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of February 20, 2019
2. Superintendent/Special Education Director's Report – March
3. Principal's Report – March
4. Clinical Supervisor's Report – March

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: All in favor.

C. Budget and Expense Report – February 28, 2019

D. Plainfield Board of Education Liaison – K. Fantoli and M. Cartier reported that the Plainfield Board of Education budget was discussed it was in the amount of \$35,927,137 which is a 1.4% increase over last year. They also had presentations from The Family Resource Center and the Early Childhood Readiness Program.

E. Reports

1. G. Coleman – PDEC Update – G. Coleman presented a Professional Development Evaluation Committee update.

V. Unfinished Business

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by D. Capobianco to add the surveys under unfinished business. Vote: All in favor.

A. Policies – Second Reading

1. #4117.4 – Personnel – Certified-Non-Certified – Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees
2. #4118.5 – Personnel – Certified-Non-Certified – Rights, Responsibilities and Duties – Policy, Regulations & Form
3. #4118.51 – Personnel – Certified-Non-Certified - Social Media Policy & Regulations
4. #5131.81 - Students – Electronic Devices – Policy & Regulations
5. #5132 - Students – Dressing and Grooming
6. #6141.327 – Instruction – Electronic Resources – Policy & Regulations

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve Policy's #4117.4 – Personnel – Certified-Non-Certified – Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees; #4118.5 – Personnel – Certified-Non-Certified – Rights, Responsibilities and Duties – Policy, Regulations & Form; #4118.51 – Personnel – Certified-Non-Certified - Social Media Policy & Regulations; #5131.81 - Students – Electronic Devices – Policy & Regulations; #5132 - Students – Dressing and Grooming; #6141.327 – Instruction – Electronic Resources – Policy & Regulations. Vote: All in favor.

B. Approval of SEA Contract

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by L. Shippee to approve the SEA Contract as presented. Vote: All in favor.

C. Approval of Unaffiliated Contracts

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by D. Capobianco to table the Unaffiliated contracts until the April meeting. Vote: L. Shippee, D. Capobianco and R. Choquette in favor and K. Fantoli abstained. The motion passed.

D. Approval of 2019-20 Budget

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by L. Shippee to approve the 2019-20 budget. Vote: All in favor. Copies to be sent to the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectman on Monday.

E. Board of Education Survey's

The Board would like to have the survey's put on the School Website and to leave up the survey from the last time so that they can be compared. R. Choquette also asked that Mary and Lynn receive copies of the last one and the new one.

VI. New Business

A. Audit Report

1. Management Responses
2. Planned Correction Action

The board would like to receive a report at their August meeting as far as what has been accomplished of the projects that were recommended by the Auditors.

The Board would also like to receive a yearly report on the status of the Non-recurring account.

B. Healthy Certification

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the Healthy Certification **food option**: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups. Vote: All in favor.

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the Healthy Certification **Food exemptions:** The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held. Vote: All in favor.

C. Approval of Non-Tenure List

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the Non-Tenured Teacher List as presented. Vote: All in favor.

D. Teacher of the Year – will be discussed in Executive Session

E. Field Trip Policy

A motion was made by K. Fantoli and seconded by L. Shippee to approve the following out of state field trips: Grade 8 – Lowell Historical National Park; Grade 5 – Boston Freedom Trail; Grade 6 – Statue of Liberty Battery Park; Grade 3 – Southwick Zoo; Grade 8 – Class Trip to Washington DC and Kindergarten – Roger Williams Park Zoo. Vote: All in favor.

F. Approval of Readiness Grant

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by L. Shippee to approve the School Readiness Grant as presented. Vote: All in favor.

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments – None

VIII. Executive Session – Personnel

A motion was made by K. Fantoli and seconded by L. Shippee to go into executive session at 7:20 pm for the purpose of personnel. Vote: All in favor.

Present during executive session were: R. Choquette, D. Capobianco, L. Shippee and K. Fantoli.

The Board exited executive session at 8:17 pm.

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by K. Fantoli to select teacher D and F as teachers of the year. Vote: All in favor

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by K. Fantoli to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Vote: All in favor.