

Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Room 1311 – 6:15 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm by F. Bood, Board Chair.

Present were: F. Bood, L. Shippee, D. Capobianco, H. Wood, C. Langlois and M. Rouillard.
Also in Attendance were: G. Lanza, C. Scott, L. Smith, D. Chrzan, D. Zajac.
M. Cartier, Plainfield Liaison entered at 6:25 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

A. Led by the Student Government Representatives

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Emily Shamback, President of the Executive Board of Student Government.

B. Student Government Update

Emily Shamback updated the Board on Student activities and fundraisers:

- 3rd Graders hosted a Thanksgiving event
- Community Meeting (mis-match day) where over 100 family members attended
- NJHS held the Hunger Games food drive and raised 300 pounds of food for Project Pin
- Parent/teacher conferences
- 2nd & 7th graders worked together on gingerbread houses
- Giving tree
- Christmas Bazaar
- Middle school - 2nd trimester exploratory activities
- Drama students will be putting on Snow White the 3rd trimester and 8th graders are mentoring
- 7th Graders went on a field trip to Renaissance Art in Hartford
- December Community Meeting (wacky sweater day)
- Penny wars

The Board welcomed and thanked Emily for her time and update.

III. Public Comment

J. Goodwin voiced her concerns as a parent, Registered Dietitian, and part of the USDA Child Nutrition Program regarding the last BOE meeting and the Wellness Policy. She asked that when the Board votes on the Wellness Policy to keep in mind the best interests of the students and noted that having treats on a regular basis does not represent the entire community.

T. Shaw, PTO Co-President provided an update on the PTO. The PTO held the Bazaar and breakfast with Santa in conjunction with the boy scouts and the vendor fair. She thanked the volunteers and teachers for their time. In February they will be holding a light bulb fundraiser (6 bulbs for \$10.00 and \$5.00 will go back to the PTO for field trips/experiences). In March they will have the cash calendars.

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence - none

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 20, 2019
2. Superintendent/Special Services Director's Report
3. Principal's Report
4. Clinical Supervisor's Report

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by H. Wood to accept the consent agenda as presented. Vote: All in favor.

C. Budget and Expense Report - November 30, 2019

A printed copy of the Budget and Expense Report was provided to the Board.

D. Plainfield Board of Education Liaison

M. Cartier, Plainfield Liaison provided an update. Plainfield High School has added 4 new courses: Medical Terminology which can be taken in conjunction with the current CNA course or alone; Dialog Debate Deliberation; Advanced Personal Finance and Manufacturing. The Manufacturing course allows the student to earn QVCC college credits and a possible internship with Westminster Tool. They also increased their substitute pay to \$100.00/day.

V. New Business

A. Welcome new Music Teacher - June Burns

C. Scott provided an overview of Mrs. Burns' accomplishments and experience and welcomed her to Sterling Community School.

B. Amend Policy 9325.2 - Conduct of Meetings: Public Comment (Vote)

A motion was made by C. Langlois and seconded by H. Wood to add an additional public comment on the agenda after the recommendations, questions and/or comments section.

Vote: All in favor.

C. Line Item Transfer

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by L. Shippee to approve the transfer from Plant Insurance account to Plant Operation and Maintenance. Vote: All in favor. (Transfer \$2,105.00 out of A.2600.520.00.71 Plant Insurance and into A.2600.430.02.71 Plant Operation and Maintenance).

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Wellness Policy

G. Lanza noted that the Wellness Policy will be included and discussed along with other policies for a first reading at the January 7, 2020 Policy Meeting at 5:00 pm in Room 1311.

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

L. Shippee asked if any Board member had been appointed or volunteered to be an EASTCONN Regional Board Representative. C. Langlois asked what it entails. G. Lanza will contact EASTCONN to find out the details and let the Board know.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Executive Session

A motion was made by C. Langlois and seconded by L. Shippee to enter executive session at 6:43 pm. for Policy discussion. Vote: All in favor.

Present during executive session were: F. Bood, L. Shippee, D. Capobianco, H. Wood, C. Langlois and M. Rouillard. A. Abrantes entered executive session at 7:05 pm and exited executive session at 7:53 pm. G. Lanza and C. Scott entered executive session at 7:55 pm. The board exited executive session at 8:48 pm.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:48 pm by C. Langlois.