

Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Community Room – 6:15 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm by F. Bood, Board Chair.

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Scott introduced the CAPSS Award Recipients to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
It was determined to move up the CAPSS Award Recipients under new business to before public comment.

G. Lanza introduced the CAPSS Award Recipients, Brooke Montecalvo and Benjamin DeAngelis, who were awarded the Superintendent’s CAPSS Awards on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at The Brooklyn School. She reviewed their accomplishments: academic and extracurricular, participation in volunteer and fundraising opportunities and congratulated them along with their parents.

A. Student Government Update
Discussed under Reports and Communications

III. Public Comment

F. Bood noted that public comment regarding the high school options can be discussed under new business.

T. Shaw, PTO Co-President, provided an update on the PTO. Their next meeting will be on 2/6/2020 at 6:30 pm. In February they will be holding the light bulb fundraiser. On 1/10/2020 they held a pajama day and raised \$524.30.

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence
Correspondence was received from parents, the content of which is sensitive in nature, and so the board will seek guidance on the issue.

B. Student Government Report and Update
Troy Tiirak, Ariella Bessette and Russell Sharpe created a powerpoint presentation to share with the board. Each student discussed the process of the Student Government including a review of the various types of governments, the nominations process, the voting process, and drafting a constitution. Student government meetings are held every other week. The members are still in the process of finalizing their student government.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 18, 2019
2. Superintendent/Special Services Director’s Report
3. Principal’s Report
4. Clinical Supervisor’s Report

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

C. Budget and Expense Report - December 31, 2019

D. Plainfield Board of Education Liaison

M. Cartier, Plainfield Liaison provided an update. An initial meeting will be held on 1/28/2020 with the Sterling and Plainfield superintendents to discuss the high school cooperative agreement. After the first meeting, the Plainfield Liaisons and 1-2 members from the Sterling BOE will meet. Plainfield implemented a class truancy policy that no students will be expelled if truant, allowing them to make up class time, which has resulted in a reduction of absences. M. Rouillard asked for a copy of Plainfield's attendance policy. PHS has also added new classes for the next school year: *Mapping the Future* resulting in college credit, *Oceanography* and *Environmental Science*.

C. Langlois attended the January Plainfield BOE meeting. Plainfield hired a new special education teacher for the younger grades, they watched a sensory path video and presented their CAPSS Recipients. They are implementing Project 2025, a facilities study regarding long-range planning, and will be meeting from February to August.

V. New Business

A. CAPSS Award Recipients

CAPSS Award Recipients were Introduced after the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Principal Report - Benchmark Data Update

C. Scott presented a powerpoint on math data. He will provide a report on ELA data in February.

C. High School Options

A discussion was held regarding high school options. The board chair formed an ad hoc committee for the purpose of researching high school options. The committee includes 2 members of the BOE, 2 parents and 2 high school students.

Committee members are:

- BOE - C. Langlois, H. Wood
- Parents - S. Veader, H. Deffley
- Students - to be determined

D. BOE Meeting Dates

A motion was made by H. Wood and seconded by C. Langlois to change the Wednesday, February 19, 2020 BOE meeting to Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Vote: All in favor.

M. Rouillard will attend the February 12, 2020 Plainfield BOE meeting.

E. Policies 1st Reading:

The following policies were discussed and will be on the February 25, 2020 agenda for a second reading and vote:

1331	4131	5131	6159
3232	5112	5131.911	6172.1
4118/4218.112	5114	5144	

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Wellness Policy

Changes are not needed to the wellness policy at this time. The guidelines listed in the policy for food and beverages offered to students at school are suggestions. The suggested guidelines for food and beverages offered to students will be added to the student and staff handbooks, as will suggestions for non-food items.

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

None

VIII. Public Comment

T. Bolles asked if A. Wiegel, Technology could have an assistant or an intern to assist him with his job duties.

IX. Executive Session

None

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by M. Rouillard to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Vote: All in favor,