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Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 26, 2021
Community Room - 6:00 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by F. Bood, Board Chair.

Present were: F. Bood; L. Shippee; D. Capobianco; C. Langlois; M. Rouillard;
V. Robinson-Lewis.

Also in attendance were: G. Lanza; H. Nickerson; L. Smith; D. Chrzan; D. Zajac.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment

S. Daudelin presented an Eagle Scout Project he would like to complete at Sterling Community School to install “Buddy Benches” for the school playgrounds. The Board welcomed the idea and thanked him for his time.

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence

Thank you note for the staff breakfast.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 28, 2021
2. Superintendent/Special Education Director’s Report
3. Principal’s Report
4. Clinical Supervisor’s Report
5. Monthly Check Register

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by D. Capobianco to add *Item E under New Business: Appointment of Policy Committee Member*. Vote: All in favor.

A motion was made by C. Langlois and seconded by V. Robinson-Lewis to accept the consent agenda as presented. Vote: All in favor.

C. Budget and Expense Report - 4/30/21

A motion was made by C. Langlois and seconded by D. Capobianco to accept the budget and expense report as presented. Vote: All in favor.

D. Plainfield Board of Education Liaison

D. Capobianco attended the Plainfield meeting. J. Irons and O. Bessette were recognized and will be receiving scholarships for their work as student liaisons. Plainfield’s strategic plan was discussed; state and federal grants; vaccine update; DATTCO contract was

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renewed; no remote instruction will be offered for 2021/22; senior events and an 8th grade trip have been planned.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Plainfield Cooperative Agreement Update

The Board favors a 3 year agreement with a one year extension.

VI. New Business

A. Introduction of new Reading Specialist

G. Lanza introduced L. Vincent, the new Reading Specialist for the 2021/22 school year.

B. Approval of the 2020/2021 Revised School Calendar

A motion was made by C. Langlois and seconded by M. Rouillard to approve the change to half days for 6/14/21 and 6/15/21 on the 2020/2021 revised School Calendar. Vote: All in favor.

C. Graduation Date(s)

A motion was made by C. Langois and seconded by M. Rouillard to accept the graduation date for 6/14/21 with a rain date of 6/16/21. Vote: All in favor.

D. Line Item Transfers

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

(Transfer \$15,625.00 out of A.1000.210.00.000.71 Reg Program E/B Insurance and transfer into A.1000.650.00.000.71 Educational Software Licenses; Transfer \$230.00 out of A.1000.210.00.000.71 Reg Program E/B Insurance and transfer into A.2130.739.00.000.71 Health Office Equipment; Transfer \$8,000.00 out of A.2230.210.00.000.71 IT Program E/B Insurance and transfer \$7,400.00 into A.2230.112.00.000.71 IT Personnel and transfer \$600.00 into A.2230.220.00.000.70 E/B FICA/Medicare; Transfer \$11,895.00 out of A.1000.210.00.000.71 Reg Program E/B Insurance and transfer \$11,000.00 into A.2310.112.01.000.71 BOE Administrative Assistant and transfer \$45.00 into A.2310.210.00.000.71 BOE E/B Insurance and transfer \$850.00 into A.2310.220.00.000.70 BOE E/B FICA/Medicare).

E. Appointment of Policy Committee Member

The following committees were appointed:

Policy Committee - D. Capobianco, L. Shippee, V. Robinson-Lewis

Budget Committee - F. Bood, M. Rouillard, L. Shippee

Negotiations Committee - C. Langlois, L. Shippee, V. Robinson-Lewis

VII. Recommendations, Questions and/or Comments

L. Shippee welcomed V. Robinson-Lewis to the Board.

L. Shippee suggested that when a Board member requests information from the District administration, the request should come from the Board chair. F. Bood noted that FOI will be discussed during the executive session.

L. Shippee distributed copies to the public of her Superintendent's evaluation notes for the Superintendent evaluation for the school year 2019-2020.

L. Shippee remarked about the latest CAFE bulletin indicating an emphasis on Math (Algebra) for the next school year.

F. Bood reported that he received a letter from the State Department of Education regarding Public Act 21-6, "An Act Concerning Immunizations" dated May 25, 2021.

V. Robinson-Lewis inquired about a recent Board correspondence and F. Bood responded that the correspondence would be discussed during the executive session.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Executive Session

A. Personnel-Superintendent Evaluation

A motion was made by M. Rouillard and seconded by C. Langlois to enter executive session at 7:01 pm for the purpose of Personnel Matters & Evaluation. Vote: All in favor.

Present during executive session were: F. Bood, L. Shippee, D. Capobianco, C. Langlois, M. Rouillard, V. Robinson-Lewis, G. Lanza.

G. Lanza left the executive session at 7:15 pm.

- The Board exited the executive session at 8:15 pm.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.