



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2014
Central Office
4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Harmeling
Jennifer Magri
Yashu Putorti
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools
Fred Dorsey, Board Counsel
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, SMS
Rich Kearns, Director of Security
Student
Student's Father

Mr. Putorti called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. To consider and act upon the recommendation from the administration regarding student expulsion

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Ms. Harmeling) move that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(b)(2) and 11/17). Further that the board invite the following individuals to attend the executive session; Student, Student's parent, Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Principal of Seymour Middle School, School Police Officer, Director of Security, Board Counsel, and Board Clerk

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti

Mr. Dorsey explained the procedures of the meeting.

In addition to the Board Members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in Executive Session starting at 4:37 p.m. The Board members entered into deliberations at 5:27 p.m. The Board entered into Regular Session at 6:08 p.m.

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Ms. Magri) move that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Seymour Board of Education shall expel the Student discussed in executive session from attendance at Seymour Middle School for the period from May 2, 2014 until May 1, 2015, for the reasons presented by the Administration in this hearing.

Further, the Board directs the Administration to establish and offer an alternative educational opportunity to the Student for the period of this expulsion, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d), in a form determined by the Administration.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow the Student's early readmission at the beginning of the second semester of the 2014-15 school year, if the Student meets the following conditions:

1. The Student regularly participates and receives passing grades in his alternative education program;
2. Prior to January 1, 2015, the Student must complete 30 hours of community services;
3. The Student and his parent must meet with the Superintendent during the first week of January 2015 to demonstrate that the above-referenced conditions have been met;
4. If readmitted early, the Student will be on probation for the remainder of the original period of expulsion. During the probation period, the Student must:
 - a. Maintain passing grades;
 - b. Not be involved in any serious disciplinary incidents as determined by the Superintendent.If such an incident occurs or the Student violates any of the other conditions of his probation, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the unserved portion of his expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board.

The Board further directs the Administration, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on the Student's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if the Student graduates from high school.

Finally, the Board authorizes Kristen Harmeling and Board Counsel Fred Dorsey to communicate in writing to the Student and/or his parents, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk