



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2014

Seymour Middle School

6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Yashu Putorti
Allison Sobieski-McAndrew
Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools
Dan Murphy, Board Counsel
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, SMS
Rich Kearns, Director of Security
Student
Student's Mother
Student's Step Father

Mr. Putorti called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

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

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew) 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 mother, Student's step father, Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Principal of Seymour Middle School, Director of Security, Board Counsel, and Board Clerk

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Strumello

Attorney Murphy explained the procedures of the meeting, did introductions, and swore in witnesses.

In addition to the Board Members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in Executive Session starting at 6:42 p.m. The Board members entered into deliberations at 7:20 p.m. The Board entered into Regular Session at 7:47 p.m.

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew) I move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Seymour Board of Education expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at the Seymour Public Schools and from presence on school grounds and school sponsored activities for the period from May 22, 2014 until May 21, 2015, for the reasons presented by the administration in this hearing.

Further, the Board directs the administration to offer the student an alternative educational opportunity pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d) for the period of this expulsion.

The Student may be permitted to return to school effective with the commencement of the 2014-15 school year if the following conditions are met in the discretion of the Superintendent of schools: 1) No further violation of Board policy or the law; 2) 30 hours of community service in a form to be approved in advance by the Superintendent; and 3) the Student matriculates to the ninth grade. If the Student is readmitted early, the student cannot have any further violations

of Board policy or the law as determined by the Superintendent and the student must maintain a passing grade in each of the Student's classes. If the Student fails to meet these conditions, the Superintendent may reinstate any unused period of expulsion or otherwise commence new disciplinary proceedings.

The Board also 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 Yashu Putorti and Attorney Dan Murphy to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion, to the student and his/her parent(s).

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Strumello

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk