



## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2013  
Central Office  
6:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Sandra Gesek  
Jay Hatfield  
Jennifer Magri  
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools  
Fred Dorsey, Board Counsel  
Ernie DiStasi – Asst. Principal – Seymour Middle School  
Richard Kearns, Director of Security  
Student  
Student's Parents

Mr. Hatfield called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

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

**MOTION:** (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Magri) 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) and (17). Further that the board invite the following individuals to attend the executive session: Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools, Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal of Seymour Middle School, Richard Kearns, Director of Security, Fred Dorsey, Board Counsel, the student, the student's parents, and Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Magri

In addition to the Board members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in Executive Session starting at 6:13 p.m. The Board members entered into deliberations at 7:18 p.m. The Board entered into Regular Session at 7:43 p.m.

**MOTION:** (Ms. Magri/sec., Mr. Garofolo) 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 13, 2013 until May 12, 2014, 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 any period of expulsion that might result from this decision, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d).

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission at the beginning of the 2013-14 school year, subject to the following conditions: The Student:

1. receives passing grades in all subject areas of his tutoring program;
2. completes by August 1, 2013, twenty (20) hours of community service in a program approved in advance by the Superintendent and an additional 10 hours prior to the start of the 2013-14 school year;
3. will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities, such as dances field trips, athletic events, until readmitted to school;
4. the Student and his parents meet with the Superintendent during the first week of August 2013 and provide proof of meeting the early reentry criteria;
5. 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 maintain passing grades and 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 Jennifer Magri and Attorney Frederick L. Dorsey to communicate in writing to the Student and/or his/her parents, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Magri

**MOTION:** (Ms. Gesek/sec., Ms. Magri) to adjourn the meeting

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Magri

Submitted by:  
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk