SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2013 Central Office 6:00 p.m.



BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Garofolo Jennifer Magri Fred Stanek Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools Fred Dorsey, Board Counsel Glenn Lungarini, Principal – Seymour High School Paul Lucke, Asst. Principal – Seymour High School Michael Stock, Teacher – Seymour High School Richard Kearns, Director of Security Student Student's Mother Mother's Fiancé

Mr. Stanek called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. explaining that the agenda called for the Board to consider and act upon a recommendation from the administration regarding a student expulsion.

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

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo/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 11/17). Only those invited by the Board may be present in the Executive Session. The Board invites the following individuals into the Executive Session: Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools, Glenn Lungarini, Principal of Seymour High School, Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal of Seymour High School, Richard Kearns, Director of Security, Michael Stock, Teacher-Seymour High School, the student who is the subject of the proceeding, the student's mother, the student's mother's fiancé, and Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

## SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek

In addition to the Board members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in Executive Session starting at 6:09 p.m. The Board members entered into deliberations at 6:58 p.m. The Board entered into Regular Session at 7:13 p.m.

**MOTION:** (Ms. Magri/sec., Mr. Garofolo) move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section <u>10</u>-233d, Seymour Board of Education shall expel the Student discussed in executive session from attendance at Seymour High School for the period from December 18, 2012 until December 17, 2013 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 the form of tutoring as established by the Administration. The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission at the beginning of the 2013-14 school year, if the Student meets the following conditions to the satisfaction of the Superintendent:

- Student must actively participate and have passing grades in all subject areas and in his drug counseling program, with communication from the counselor to the superintendent by June 30, 2013 regarding the Student's progress. The counselor will also have control of the need for continuing counseling up to and including June 30, 2013.
- 2. On or before June 30, 2013, the Student must complete 20 hours of community service, in a program approved in advance by the Superintendent or her designee.
- 3. Parent must schedule a meeting to meet with Superintendent to consider early return in early July 2013. The Student shall attend this meeting.
- 4. If early return is granted, the Student will remain on probation for the remainder of the expulsion period and must:
  - a. maintain passing grades in all classes; and
  - b. not have any serious disciplinary referrals as determined by the Superintendent.

If the Student does not comply with these criteria, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate any unserved portion of the expulsion period without further action of the Board.

5. The Student will be unable to participate in any extracurricular activities such as dances, field trips, athletic events until the end of the expulsion period. If the Student is granted early return, the student may participate in such activities beginning the start of the 2013-14 school year.

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 Fred Stanek and Fred Dorsey to communicate in writing to the Student and/or his/her parents, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Magri) to adjourn the meeting

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek

SO VOTED

Submitted by: Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk