



SPECIAL BOE MEETING

MINUTES

November 17, 2010
Central Office
6:30 P.M.

EXPULSION HEARING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, BOE member
Jeanne Loda, BOE member
Peter Kubik, BOE member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent
Fred Dorsey, Counsel for the Board
Bernadette Hamad, Principal (SMS)
Richard Kearns, Security Director (SPS)
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal (SHS)
Parents of Student
Student
Patricia Gillis, Clerk

BOE member Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. explaining that the agenda called for the Board to consider and act upon a recommendation from the administration regarding a student expulsion.

10-E09 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda/ sec., Mr. Kubik) 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), (11) and (17). Further, that the Board invites the following individuals to attend the executive session:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal (SHS)
Fred Dorsey, Board Counsel
Richard Kearns, Security Director (SPS)
Student
Student's Parents
Patricia Gillis, Clerk

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Kubik

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:22 p.m.

In addition to the Board members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in executive session. The Board Members along with Attorney Dorsey entered into deliberations at 7:22 p.m.

The Board entered into regular session at 7:48 p.m.

10-E010 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Baker) move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, Seymour Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Seymour High School for the period from November 5, 2010 until November 4, 2011 for the reasons presented by the administration in this hearing.

Further, the Board directs the administration to offer an alternative educational opportunity to the student for the period of this expulsion, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d) in as determined by the planning and placement team.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission no later than the beginning of the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year if the student meets the following conditions: 1) the student must have passing grades in subject areas in the alternative education program; 2) the student will not be able to participate in any extra curricula activities such as dances, field trips, athletic events, except for participation on the dance team until the end of the 201-2011 school year; 4) from the date of the expulsion until the end of the school year the student must perform 20 hours of community service in a program as approved by the Superintendent; 5) from the beginning of the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year until the end of the school year the student must receive all passing grades; 6) from the beginning of the second semester until the end of the school year must not have any serious referrals as determined by the Superintendent; 7) the student's parents must schedule a meeting with the Superintendent during the second week of June 2011 to discuss meeting these criteria; 8) if all the criteria are met, then the probationary period will end and not be carried into the 2011-2012 school year; 9) should the student graduate from high school, the record of this expulsion will be expunged; 10) if the student does not meet the criteria of the probationary period as determined by the Superintendent, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate any unserved portion of the expulsion without further action by the Board of Education.

Finally, the Board authorizes Bruce Baker and Attorney Frederick L. Dorsey to communicate in writing to the student and/or her parents, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Loda, Mr. Baker, Mr. Kubik

10-E011 MOTION: (Mr. Kubik, sec., Mrs. Loda) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Loda, Mr. Baker, Mr. Kubik

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by:
Patricia Gillis