



SPECIAL BOE MEETING

MINUTES

November 17, 2010
Central Office
4:00 P.M.

EXPULSION HEARING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Strumello, BOE Chairman
Bruce Baker, BOE member
Jeanne Loda, BOE member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent
Fred Dorsey, Counsel for the Board
Bernadette Hamad, Principal (SMS)
Richard Kearns, Security Director (SPS)
Thomas Montag, Student's Counsel
Parents of Student
Student
Patricia Gillis, Clerk

Chairman Strumello called the meeting to order at 4:10 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-E06 MOTION: (Mr. Baker sec., Mrs. Loda) 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
Bernadette Hamad, Principal
Fred Dorsey, Board Counsel
Richard Kearns, Security Director (SPS)
Thomas Montag, Student's Counsel
Student
Student's Parents
Patricia Gillis, Clerk

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: BOE Chairman Ed Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Loda,

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:11 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 5:11 p.m.

The Board entered into regular session at 5:30 p.m.

10-E07 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 Middle School for the period from November 12, 2010 until November 12, 2011 with the opportunity 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 the form of homebound tutoring as determined by the administration.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission at the beginning of the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year if the student meets the following conditions: 1) during the time of expulsion student must have passing grades for in all subject areas for her early return; 2) student will be unable to participate in any extra curricula activities such as dances, field trips, athletic events including sports and the 8th grade trip and dance, until the end of the 2010-2011 school year, but can participate in graduation exercises; 3) from the date of expulsion until the end of the school year the student must perform 40 hours of community service as approved by the Superintendent, preferably in activities to do with the police or fire departments in Seymour; 4) from the beginning of the second semester until the end of the school year, the student must receive all passing grades; 5) from the beginning of the second semester until the end of the school year the student must not have any serious disciplinary referrals as determined by the Superintendent; 6) the parents must schedule a meeting during the second week of June 2011 with the Superintendent to discuss whether the above criteria have been met. If all the criteria have been met, the Superintendent is authorized to end the probationary period at the close of the 2011-2012 school years and that will complete the period of expulsion and the student's record will be immediately expunged. If any of these criteria are not met to the Superintendent's satisfaction, then the Superintendent is authorized to reinstitute the unserved period of expulsion without any further action necessary 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 or meets the criteria as specified by the Board.

Finally, the Board authorizes Bruce Baker and Attorney Frederick L. Dorsey to communicate in writing to the student's counsel 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: Chairman Ed Strumello, Mr. Loda, Mr. Baker

10-E08 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Baker) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Ed Strumello, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Baker

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Submitted by:
Patricia Gillis



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