

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING
EXPULSION HEARING
CENTRAL OFFICE

March 25, 2010
1:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judith Flood
James Garofolo
Jeanne Loda

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent
Frederick Dorsey, Counsel for the Board
Parent of the Student
Student

Mr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. explaining that the agenda called for the Board to consider and act upon a recommendation from the administration regarding a student expulsion.

09-E39 MOTION-(Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Flood) 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). Further, that the Board invites the following individuals to attend the executive session:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools
Frederick Dorsey, Board Counsel
Parent of the Student
Student

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mrs. Loda

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:37 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 1:43 p.m.

The Board entered into regular session at 1:47 p.m.

09-E40 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) Move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d the Seymour Board of Education shall uphold the expulsion of the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Seymour High School from the period of March 1, 2010 through March 1, 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 the form of homebound tutoring, as determined by the administration.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year, if the student meets the following conditions:

1. The Student makes a good faith effort to succeed in his alternative education program;
2. If readmitted early, the Student will be on probation for the remainder of the period of expulsion. He must, during the probation period, not be involved in any disciplinary incidents that would result in suspension or expulsion. 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 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: Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mrs. Loda.

09-E41 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Garofolo) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mrs. Loda

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 P.M.

Submitted by
Lisa Willadsen, Clerk