

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING
EXPULSION HEARING
CENTRAL OFFICE

December 22, 2009
2:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Edward Strumello, Chairman
Yashu Putorti
James Garofolo

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent
Frederick Dorsey, Counsel for the Board
James Freund Assistant Principal, SHS
Rich Kearns, Director of Security
Parent of the Student
Student

Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. explaining that the agenda called for the Board to consider and act upon a recommendation from the administration regarding a student expulsion.

09-E36 MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mr. Garofolo) 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 invite the following individuals to attend the executive session:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools
James Freund, Assistant Principal, SHS
Rich Kearns, Director of Security
Frederick Dorsey, Board Counsel
Parent of the Student
Student

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Strumello

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 2:13 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 2:44 p.m.

The Board entered into regular session at 2:54 p.m.

09-E37 MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, 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 High School from the period of December 11, 2009 until the end of the 2009-2010 school year, 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.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission at the beginning of the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year if the student meets the following:

- Participates in the alternative educational (tutoring) program that is provided.
- Maintain passing grades in all of his/her courses during the period of expulsion;
- Meet with a certified counselor or therapist, and that said counselor or therapist documents there are no issues to preclude the student from re-entering school;
- Schedule a meeting to meet with the Superintendent one week prior to scheduled return and provide a letter from counselor and evidence of passing grades to confirm that the student has met the above conditions and to discuss his/her possible return to the High School.
- The student must perform 20 hours of community service and provide documentation to the Superintendent by April 1, 2010
- Upon graduation from high school the student's record will be expunged.

Assuming that the student meets all the above conditions, upon his/her return to the High School at the start of the second semester the student will be on probation for the remainder of the expulsion period. During this period he/she must:

- Maintain passing grades in all of his/her courses
- Not commit any serious disciplinary offenses as determined by the Superintendent

If the student fails to maintain passing grades or commits such an offense, the Superintendent may require that the student serve the remainder of his/her expulsion period without the need for another hearing.

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 authorized Edward L. Strumello and Attorney Frederick L. Dorsey to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion to the student and/or his/her parents as appropriate.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Strumello

09-E38 MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo, sec., Mr. Putorti) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk