

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING
EXPULSION HEARING
CENTRAL OFFICE

October 13, 2009
2:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, Chairman
Rosemarie Yitts
Jeanne Loda

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 1:42 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-E33 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, 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) 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
Dan Murphy, Board Counsel
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk
Parent of the Student
Student

SO VOTED

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:44 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 2:24 p.m.

The Board entered into regular session at 2:50 p.m.

09-E34 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) 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 and from presence on school grounds and school sponsored activities from the period of September 14, 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 pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d), in the form of tutoring to the student for the period of this expulsion for any period of actual exclusion.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission to school on October 16, 2009. The student shall remain on probationary status through the end of the 2009-2010 school year and shall meet the following conditions in the Superintendents sole discretion.

1. The student shall attend counseling sessions in a form and frequency to be approved in advance by the Administration.
2. The student and their parent shall meet with the Superintendent on or about January 2010 or as otherwise scheduled by the Superintendent at which time the student's counselor shall provide notification that the student is not a danger to themselves or others.
3. The student shall maintain passing grades in all classes.
4. The student shall not be involved in any serious disciplinary actions as determined by the Superintendent.

If the student fails to meet any of these conditions at any point during the 2009-2010 school year, the Superintendent may reinstate any unserved period of the expulsion or otherwise commence new disciplinary proceedings.

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 Bruce Baker and Attorney Daniel P. Murphy 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: Mrs. Yitts, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Baker

09-E35 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk