

## SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING  
EXPULSION HEARING  
CENTRAL OFFICE

October 8, 2009  
3:00 P.M.

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, Chairman  
Rosemarie Yitts  
Jeanne Loda

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent  
Fred Dorsey, Counsel for the Board  
Cathy Goodrich, Principal, SHS  
David Olechna, Assistant Principal, SMS  
Rich Kearns, Director of Security  
Mark Zeck, Attorney for the student  
Parents of the Student  
Student

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:02 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-E28 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  
David Olechna, Assistant Principal, SMS  
Rich Kearns, Director of Security  
Fred Dorsey, Board Counsel  
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk  
Mark Zeck, Counsel for the Student  
Parents of the Student  
Student

SO VOTED

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:05 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 4:20 p.m.

The Board entered into regular session at 4:34 p.m.

09-E29 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 from the remainder 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), as determined by the administration.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission of the student on November 2, 2009, if the student meets the following conditions:

1. Regularly participates and receives passing grades in the student's alternative education program and provides to the Superintendent a letter from a certified counselor that indicates he is not a danger to himself or others;
2. The student must meet with the Superintendent by the third week of January 2010 and demonstrate that he has continued to maintained passing grades, that he has had no violations of school rules of a serious nature and that he has completed twenty hours of community services;
3. During the entire period of any early readmission the student will be on probation for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. The student must during the probation period maintain passing grades and not be involved in any serious disciplinary incidents as determined by the Superintendent. If such an incident occurs or any other conditions of probation are violated, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the unserved period of the student's expulsion without need for any additional 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 authorized Bruce Baker and Attorney Fred 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. Yitts, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Baker

09-E30 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Submitted by  
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk