

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING
EXPULSION HEARING
CENTRAL OFFICE

May 11, 2009
7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, Chairman
James Garofolo
Jeanne Loda

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent
Fred Dorsey, Council for the Board
James Freund, Assistant Principal, SHS
Richard Kearns, Director of Security
Parent of the Student
Student

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 7:05 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-E019 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, 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:

Parent of the Student
Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, SHS
Richard Kearns, Director of Security
Fred Dorsey, Board Counsel
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk

SO VOTED

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:35 p.m.

In addition to the Board members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in executive session.

The Board entered into regular session at 7:53 p.m.

09-E020 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, 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 from May 1, 2009, until the end of the first quarter of the 2009-10 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 at the beginning of 2009-10 school year, if the student meets the following conditions:

Maintains passing grades in all of his courses during the period of expulsion;

Participates in the alternative educational program that is provided;

Meets with a certified counselor or therapist, and that said counselor or therapist documents that he is not a danger to himself or others;

That he not violate any school or Board of Education rules;

And that he schedule a meeting to meet with the Superintendent during the second week of August to confirm that he has met the above conditions and to discuss his possible return to the high school. The parent must provide written documentation of passing grades as well as a letter from a certified counselor/therapist that the student is not a danger to himself or others.

Assuming that he meets all of the above conditions, upon his return to the High School at the start of the 2009-10 school year the student will be on probation for the remainder of the expulsion period. During this period he must:

Maintain passing grades in all of his 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 he serve the remainder of his 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 Bruce Baker and Attorney Frederick L. Dorsey to communicate in writing to the student and/or his parents as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion

SO VOTED

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

09-E21 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Garofolo) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk