

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING
EXPULSION HEARING
SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL

January 15, 2009
11:45 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, Chairman
Rose Marie Yitts
Jeanne Loda
Rhonda Geffert

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent
Fred Dorsey, Council for the Board
Erin Duques, Council for the Administration
Francis Theodosio, Council for the student
Richard Kearns, Director of Security
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal
Cathy Goodrich, Principal
Monica Fasciano, Teacher
Paula Burton, Teacher
Parent of the student
Student

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 12:13 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-E13 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) 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

Cathy Goodrich, Principal SHS
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, SHS
Monica Fasciano, Teacher SHS
Paula Burton, Teacher SHS
Richard Kearns, Director of Security
Sharon Ewaskie, Reporter
Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent
Attorney Dorsey, Counsel for BOE
Attorney Duques, Counsel for the Administration
Attorney Theodosio, Counsel for the student
Student
Parent of the student

SO VOTED

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 12:15 p.m.

At 2:35 p.m. the Board went into privileged session from which all except Board Members and the Board attorney were excluded.

At 3:02 p.m. all who had been excluded came back and the meeting continued.

The Board entered into regular session at 3:05 p.m.

E09-14 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) Move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 10-233d, Seymour Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Seymour High School for the period from January 16, 2009 until the end of the 2008-2009 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 tutoring as determined by the administration.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission on April 6, 2009, if the student meets the following conditions:

1. regularly participates and receives passing grades in the student's alternative education program;
2. meets with a counselor or therapist with a report to the Superintendent that indicates the student is not a danger to him/herself or others;
3. meets with the Superintendent during the week of March 30, 2009, to demonstrate that the above-referenced conditions have been met; and
4. if readmitted early, is not involved in any serious disciplinary incidents as determined by the Superintendent and passes all classes. If such an incident occurs, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the un-served period of the student's expulsion;
5. if readmitted the student is not involved in any extra curricular or senior activities except graduation exercises.

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

09-E015 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk