

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING
EXPULSION HEARING
CENTRAL OFFICE

January 7, 2009
7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, Chairman
Rose Marie Yitts
Frederick Stanek

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent
Fred Dorsey, Council for the Board
Gary Brochu, Council for the Administration
Thomas Welch, Council for the student
Cathy Goodrich, Principal Seymour High School
James Freund, Assistant Principal, SHS
Stephanie Ciccone, Teacher
Office Ventura, Seymour Police Officer
Parents of the student
Relative of the student
Student

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 7:15 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-E07 MOTION: (Mrs. Flood, sec. Mrs. Loda) Move to enter into executive session to protect student records covered by Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b) (2) and (11) and invite member of the administration, the student and the student's parents.

Cathy Goodrich, Principal SHS
James Freund, Assistant Principal, SHS
Stephanie Ciccone, Teacher SHS
Officer Ventura, Seymour Police Officer
Sharon Ewaskie, Reporter
Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent
Attorney Dorsey
Attorney Brochu
Attorney Welch
Student
Parents of the student
Relative of the student

SO VOTED

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:20 p.m.

At 8:50 p.m. the Board went into privileged session from which all except Board Members and the Board attorney were excluded.

At 9:01 p.m. all who had been excluded came back and the executive session moved into the disciplinary phase.

At 9:35 p.m. the Board went back into privileged session from which all except Board Members and the Board attorney were excluded.

The Board entered into regular session at 9:50 p.m.

E09-08 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Stanek) 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 10, 2009 until January 9, 2010 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 at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, 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 at no expense to the Board, with a report to the Superintendent that indicates the student is not a danger to himself or others;
3. Community service approved by the Superintendent in the amount of 40 hours;
4. Meets with the Superintendent during the second week of August 2009, to demonstrate that the above-referenced conditions have been met; and
5. If readmitted early, passes all classes and is not involved in any serious disciplinary incidents as determined by the Superintendent. If such an incident occurs, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the un-served period of the student's expulsion without further action by the Board;
6. No attendance at school dances during the probationary period.

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, Mr. Stanek

09-E09 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Stanek) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk