

## SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING  
EXPULSION HEARING  
CENTRAL OFFICE

January 5, 2009  
1:15 P.M.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, Chairman  
Rhonda Geffert  
Rose Marie Yitts  
Jeanne Loda  
Judith Flood

### OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 1:30 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-E04 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, 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  
Sharon Ewaskie, Reporter  
Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent  
Attorney Dorsey  
Attorney Brochu  
Student  
Parents of the student

### SO VOTED

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

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:32

At 2:23 p.m. the Board went into privileged session from which all except Board Members and the Board attorney were excluded.

At 2:37 p.m. all who had been excluded came back and the executive session moved into the discipline phase.

At 3:05 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 3:20 p.m.

E09-05 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 8, 2009 until January 7, 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 fourth marking period of the 2008-09 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 with a report to the Superintendent that indicates the student is not a danger to himself or others;
3. Meets with the Superintendent approximately two weeks before the beginning of the fourth marking period, 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 received passing grades in all classes. If such conditions are not met; the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the un-served period of the student's expulsion without further action by he 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 authorizes Bruce Baker and Attorney Frederick L. Dorsey to communicate in writing to the student and/or his parents, as appropriate, the Boards decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

SO VOTED

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

09-E06 MOTION: (Mrs. Flood, sec., Mrs. Loda) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Submitted by  
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk