

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING
EXPULSION HEARING
CENTRAL OFFICE

October 28, 2008
7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, Chairman
Rhonda Geffert
Rose Marie Yitts
James Ward
Jeanne Loda

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Frederick Stanek
James Garofolo
Jason Buchsbaum
Judith Flood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent
Fred Dorsey, Council for the Board
James Freund, Assistant Principal, SHS
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, SHS
Richard Kearns, Director of Security
Ms. Tamresa Brody, Teacher, SHS
Mrs. Stacy Glanz, Teacher, SHS
Parent of the Student

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. explaining that the agenda called for the Board to consider and act upon a recommendation from the administration regarding a student expulsion.

08-E01 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:

Parent of the Student
Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools
James Freund, Assistant Principal, SHS
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, SHS
Ms. Tamresa Brody, Teacher, SHS
Mrs. Stacy Glanz, Teacher, SHS
Richard Kearns, Director of Security
Fred Dorsey, Board Counsel

SO VOTED

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:13 p.m.

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

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

The Board entered into regular session at 9:10 p.m.

08-E02 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) 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 of October 7, 2008 through and including October 6, 2009 for the reasons presented by the administration in this hearing. During the expulsion, the student will not be allowed to participate in any activities including graduation if he is so eligible, or be on school property

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 a PPT convened by Oxford.

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 Jim Ward and Attorney Frederick L. Dorsey to communicate in writing to the student and 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, Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Ward

08-E03 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk