



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2015
Central Office
5:00 p.m.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools
Dan Murphy, Hearing Officer
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, Seymour High School
Rich Kearns, Director of Security
Student
Student's Mother

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. To consider and act upon the recommendation from the administration regarding student expulsion

The Hearing Officer moved the hearing into 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), (11) and (17). The following individuals were invited to attend the executive session:

1. Student who is the subject of this hearing
2. Student's Parent
3. Christine Syriac, Superintendent
4. Rich Kearns, Director of Security
5. Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal SHS
6. Lee Ann Dauerty, Recording Secretary

All those mentioned in the above motion met in Executive Session starting at 5:05 p.m. The hearing officer entered into deliberations at 5:35 p.m. The hearing entered into regular session at 5:50 p.m.

The Hearing Officer hereby finds 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 and from presence on school grounds and school sponsored activities for the period from March 24, 2015 until March 23, 2016, for the reasons presented by the administration in this hearing.

Further, the administration is directed to offer the student an alternative educational opportunity pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d) for the period of this expulsion.

The student may be permitted to return to school effective with the first day of the 2015 – 2016 school year if the following conditions are met in the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools: 1.) no further violations of Board Policy or the law; 2.) maintenance of passing grades in all classes; 3.) completion of twenty hours of community service in a form to be approved, in advance, by the Superintendent. If readmitted early, the student shall continue to meet conditions one and two above or the Superintendent may reinstate any unserved period of expulsion or otherwise commence new disciplinary proceedings. If readmitted early, it shall be in the sole discretion of the Superintendent as to whether the student may participate in any extracurricular activities during any unserved period of expulsion.

The administration is further directed, 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 Hearing Officer will communicate in writing this decision and the reasons therefore to the student and the parent(s).

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk