



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2016
Central Office
5:00 p.m.

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DATE: 1/28/16
TIME: 9:40 AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Yashu Putorti
Fred Stanek
Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools
Dan Murphy, Board Attorney
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal-Seymour Middle School
Rich Kearns, Director of Security
Student
Student's Mother

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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

MOTION: (Mr. Stanek/sec., Mr. Strumello) move that the Seymour Board of Education enter 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). Further, that the following individuals be 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. Lee Ann Dauerty, Recording Secretary
6. Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, SMS
7. Dan Murphy, Board Attorney

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

Mr. Murphy explained the procedures of the meeting

Into Executive Session: 5:06 pm
Out of Executive Session: 6:07 pm

In addition to the Board members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in Executive Session starting at 5:06 p.m. The Board members entered into deliberations at 5:41 p.m. The Board entered into Regular Session at 6:07 p.m.

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Stanek) 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 Middle School and from presence on school grounds and school sponsored activities for the period from January 14, 2016 until January 13, 2017, 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) in the form of tutoring for the period of this expulsion.

The student may be permitted to return to school effective with the beginning of the 4th quarter of the 2015-16, currently scheduled to commence on or about March 29, 2016 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 thirty hours of community service in a form to be approved, in advance, by the Superintendent (with such service to commence before March 29, 2016 and be completed by June 30, 2016). If readmitted early, the student shall continue to meet conditions one and two above and the student shall attend the Seymour Academy after school on all days that the Academy is offered or the Superintendent may reinstate any unserved period of expulsion or otherwise commence new disciplinary proceedings.

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 Board authorizes Yashu Putorti and attorney Dan Murphy to communicate in writing this decision and the reasons therefore to the student and the parent.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Stanek) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk