

Seymour Public Schools



SPECIAL MEETING 2 MINUTES

October 25, 2017

Central Office

5:00 p.m.

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DATE: 10/31/2017
TIME: 10:20 AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Peter Kubik

Mr. Yashu Putorti

Mr. Edward Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Fred Dorsey, Board Attorney

Ms. Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

Mr. James Freund, Principal- Seymour High School

Mr. Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal-Seymour High School

Student

Student's Parents

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Yashu Putorti called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. STUDENT EXPULSION

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

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik/sec., Mr. Strumello) 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), (11) and (17). Further, that the following individuals be invited to attend the executive session:

1. Student
2. Student's Parents
3. Mr. Michael Wilson, Superintendent
4. Mr. Fred Dorsey, Counsel for the Board
5. Mr. James Freund, Principal, Seymour High School
6. Mr. Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, Seymour High School
7. Lee-Ann Dauerty, Recording Secretary

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Strumello

Mr. Dorsey explained the procedures of the meeting.

In addition to the Board members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in Executive Session starting at 6:04 p.m. The Board members entered into deliberations at 6:58 p.m. The Board entered into Regular Session at 7:21 p.m.

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik/sec., Mr. Strumello) 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 for the period from October 16, 2017, through and including October 15, 2018, 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).

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission at the start of the 2018-19 school year, if the Student:

1. Regularly participates in his alternative educational opportunity, as determined by the Superintendent, and passes all his courses;
2. Is involved in no additional suspendable or expellable offenses as determined by the Superintendent, or any violations of criminal law;
3. By May 26, 2018, completes thirty (30) hours of community service and meets with the Superintendent to provide proof of such completion; and
4. Meets with the Superintendent by the third week of August 2018 to provide evidence of satisfying these criteria.

If readmitted early, the Student will be on probation for the remainder of the original period of expulsion. During the probation period, the Student must not be involved in any suspendable or expellable offenses as determined by the Superintendent. If a violation of probation occurs, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the unserved portion of the Student's expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the 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 or as otherwise determined in accordance with then-existing Board policy.

Finally, the Board authorizes Mr. Putorti and Attorney Fred Dorsey to communicate in writing to the Student and/or his/her parents/guardians/ attorney, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Strumello

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

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk