

Seymour Public Schools



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SPECIAL MEETING 2 MINUTES

December 3, 2018
Central Office
5:45 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Champagne
Edward Hendricks
Edward Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Dan Murphy, Board Attorney
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Bernadette Hamad, Principal, Seymour Middle School
Rich Kearns, Director of Security

Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

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

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Dr. Hendricks) 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 Section 1-210(b)(2), (11) and (17). Further, that the following individuals be invited to attend the executive session:

1. Superintendent
2. Board's Counsel
3. Board Clerk
4. Director of Security
5. Principal, Seymour Middle School

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Strumello

Attorney Murphy explained the procedures of the hearing and what would happen since the parents and student were not in attendance.

In addition to the Board members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in Executive Session starting at 5:57p.m. The Board members entered into deliberations for at 6:20 p.m. The Board entered into Regular Session at 7:08 p.m.

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Dr. Hendricks) 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 the Seymour Public Schools and from presence on school grounds and school sponsored activities for the period from December 3, 2018 until November 14, 2019, for the reasons presented by the administration in this hearing.

Further, the Board directs the administration to offer the student an alternative educational opportunity pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d) and consistent with Connecticut State Department of Education Guidelines for the period of this expulsion.

The student may apply for early readmission to return on the first day of the 2019-2020 school year if the student meets the following conditions in the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools:

- 1) Counseling in a form and frequency to be approved in advance by the Superintendent at parent expense;
- 2) Community service in a form and frequency to be approved in advance by the Superintendent;
- 3) Maintenance of a minimum B average in all classes; and
- 4) No further violations of school rules or the law.

If the student is readmitted early, the student shall continue to meet all conditions or the Superintendent may reinstate any unserved period of expulsion or otherwise commence new disciplining proceedings.

The Board also 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 Mr. Ed Strumello and Attorney Dan Murphy to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion, to the student and his/her parent(s).

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Strumello

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Dr. Hendricks) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk