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SPECIAL MEETING 1 MINUTES

April 23, 2019
Central Office
3:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Champagne
Jim Garofolo
Jennifer Magri

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Dan Murphy, Board Attorney
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Jim Freund, Principal, Seymour High School
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, Seymour High School
Student
Student's Parent
Student's Grandparent

Ms. Magri called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

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

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Mr. Garofolo) 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 Board invite the following individuals to attend the executive session:

1. Student
2. Student's Parent and Grandparent
3. James Freund, High School Principal
4. Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal
5. Michael Wilson, Superintendent
6. Lee-Ann Dauerty, Recording Secretary
7. Dan Murphy, Counsel for the Board

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Magri

MOTION PASSES: 3-0

Attorney Murphy explained the procedures of the hearing

In addition to the Board members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in Executive Session starting at 3:15 p.m. The Board members entered into deliberations for Phase 1 Did the Student Commit an Expellable Offense at 4:16 p.m. The Board entered Regular Session at 4:38 pm.

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Mr. Garofolo) move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Seymour Board of Education finds that the student discussed in executive session engaged in an expellable offense as described by the administration in this hearing.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Strumello
MOTION PASSES: 3-0

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Dr. Hendricks) move that the Board reenter 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) and invite the same individuals invited into the first executive session.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Magri
MOTION PASSES: 3-0

The Board members reentered into deliberations for Phase 2 Penalty at 4:39 pm. The Board went off the record at 4:52 pm and went back on the record at 4:54 pm. The Board came out of deliberations at 5:14 and entered into Regular Session at 5:14 p.m.

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Mr. Garofolo) 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 and from presence on school grounds and school sponsored activities for the period from April 2, 2019 until April 1, 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.

If the Student applies for early readmission pursuant to CGS 10-233d(j), the decision for readmission and any conditions for readmission shall be in the sole discretion of the Superintendent.

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 Jen Magri 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. Garofolo, Ms. Magri
MOTION PASSES: 3-0

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Mr. Champagne) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Magri
MOTION PASSES: 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk