

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING/EXPULSION HEARING
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
5:00 p.m.**

Hearing - Student 070303

Members Present: Thomas Fausel, Presiding Board Member
Bruce Guillemette
John Vecchitto
Eleanor Parente

Also Present: Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
Christopher Rau, Principal, Lewis S. Mills High School
Katherine (Katie) Blore, Associate Principal, Lewis S. Mills High School
Gene Torrence, School Resource Officer
Parents of Student 070303
Student 070303
Attorney for the Board, Zachary Schurin
Attorney for the Student, Jim Wing

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order by Thomas Fausel at 5:02 pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTER

A **motion** to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of conducting an expulsion hearing for student 070303 during which matters of personal privacy of one or more students enrolled in Region 10 Schools are likely to be discussed, by name, and during which educational records not subject to disclosure under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act are likely to be discussed and to invite Ms. Cheri Burke, the Director of Student Learning; Mr. Christopher Rau, Principal of Lewis S. Mills High School; Dr. Katherine Blore, Associate Principal, Lewis S. Mills High School; Gene Torrence, School Resource Officer; Attorney Zachary Schurin; Procedural Advisor; Mr. Jim Wing, Attorney for the Student, Student 070303; and Parents of Student 070303 was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Bruce Guillemette at 5:04 pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION

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Returned to Public Session at 8:02 p.m.

Board Motions

1. A motion that the Board of Education adopt the findings of fact discussed in executive session was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Bruce Guillemette. The motion passed unanimously.
2. A motion that the Board of Education impose the following disciplinary consequences as a result of the factual findings adopted by the Board of Education was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Eleanor Parente. The motion carried by a vote of three votes in favor (Fausel, Vecchitto and Parente) and one vote against (Guillemette)

That the student shall be expelled from the Region 10 Public Schools, including any and all curricular and extracurricular activities, whether on school grounds or elsewhere, from March 28, 2019 through March 27, 2020. During this period of expulsion the student shall be afforded an alternative educational opportunity as determined by the Administration.

Notwithstanding the forgoing:

- a. The student shall be allowed early re-entry to school on a probationary basis as of May 13, 2019 with all the rights and privileges of any public school student, so long as he completes a risk assessment to the satisfaction of the Administration on or before such date. Such risk assessment shall be performed by an Administration-selected psychologist and/or psychiatrist, and shall be performed to determine whether the student presents a risk to himself or others in the school setting. The student's parents shall execute and maintain a release to permit the psychologist and/or psychiatrist selected to freely exchange information with school district staff. The risk assessment shall be completed at Board expense.
- b. If such risk assessment is not completed to the satisfaction of the Administration on or before May 13, 2019, the student will be allowed early re-entry to school on a probationary basis as of the date such risk

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assessment is completed to the satisfaction of the Administration.

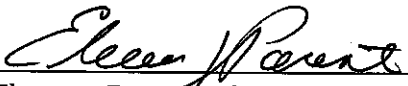
- c. In order to be eligible to re-enter school on a probationary basis the student must have sought out and regularly attended the alternative educational opportunity afforded to him by the Administration, must have successfully completed all assignments and must have obtained satisfactory grades;
- d. If and when the student is permitted re-entry to school on a probationary basis he must not commit any further violations of the Board's disciplinary policies, nor any criminal offense. If the student does commit any further violation of Board policy or any criminal offense the student may be required to serve out the remainder of the expulsion period at the Administration's sole discretion;
- e. In order to remain eligible to attend school on a probationary basis during the 2019-20 school year the student must complete 150 hours of community service before the start of the 2019-20 school year. Such community service hours may be counted in conjunction with any court-mandated community service hours. Whether the student has successfully satisfied this requirement will be determined at the Administration's sole discretion;

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(f)(2), the notice of the student's expulsion shall be expunged from the student's cumulative educational record on March 27, 2020.

ADJOURN

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by John Vecchitto at 8:10 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Eleanor Parente, Secretary

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The minutes are marked as DRAFT, pending Board of Education approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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Robert's Rules state, "Minutes are a record of what was done at a meeting, not a record of what was said." [RONR (11th ed.), p. 468, ll. 16-18] which is the standard for which board minutes strive. For this reason the minutes will typically not reflect the discussion surrounding a motion, only its outcome.

Additionally, Robert's Rules in brief advises "The name and subject of a guest speaker or other program may be given, but no summary of the talk." [RONRIB page 149]

Both books can be found at our local libraries for anyone interested in more information.

RSD10 Chair