

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
CONFERENCE ROOM ONE  
Monday, August 22, 2016  
6:00 pm**

**Hearing - Student 082403**

Members Present: Paul Omichinski, Presiding Board Member  
Corey Rewenko  
Susan Baccaro

Also Present: Alan Beitman, Superintendent of Schools  
Parents of Student 082403  
Student 082403

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting was called to order by Paul Omichinski at 6:05 pm.

A motion was made by Corey Rewenko and seconded by Susan Baccaro to enter into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which matters of personal privacy of one or more students enrolled in the Region10 School System are likely to be discussed, by name, and during which educational records not subject to disclosure under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act are likely to be discussed; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously. The following people were invited into Executive Session:

Superintendent, Alan Beitman  
Student 082403, who is the subject of the hearing  
Parents of the Student 082403

**Return to Public Session**

Moved to Public Session at 6:30 p.m.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Corey Rewenko, that the student (082403) who was the subject of the hearing be expelled for one calendar year in accordance with the recommendations of the Superintendent of Regional School District #10 and that the disciplinary consequences and alternative educational opportunity recommended by him be approved and adopted; seconded by Susan Baccaro; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

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## **Findings**

The hearing was held before the committee of Regional School District #10, the Board of Education, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2016 in the conference room of the Board offices at 24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT. The student and his parents appeared at the hearing; the hearing was limited to determine whether the conduct, which was the basis for the expulsion in Torrington, would also warrant an expulsion under the policies of the Region 10 Board of Education. The Torrington Board of Education has expelled the student on June 23, 2016 because on or about June 1, 2016 and June 2, 2016, the student did possess marijuana on school grounds which violated the publized policy of the Board which seriously disrupted the educational process and endangered persons or property.

## **Conclusion**

The Board conducted the hearing and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-233d after reviewing the Board's policies 5114 , 5131.6 and Administrative Regulation 5131.6a and the Torrington decision, it was determined that the conduct, possession of marijuana on school grounds, also warrants the same expulsion under Region 10 policies. The student is expelled for one calendar year as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and will be provided with an alternative educational opportunity as designed by the Superintendent.

Early readmission conditions set forth by the Torrington Board of Education and adopted by Region10: The student

1. must attend and participate on a daily basis in the alternative education program provided by the district in accordance with applicable statutes or other educational programs as satisfaction with the Superintendent of Schools;
2. must comply with all Region 10 Board of Education policies, rules, and regulations concerning student conduct;
3. must not commit any suspendable or expellable offense;
4. will participate in the Region 10 SAM program;
5. must take and pass random drug testing;
6. will provide approved community service in the amount of 25 hours before early readmission;
7. will participate in approved Region 10 extracurricular activities.

If the student is readmitted to Region 10 Schools on a probationary status, the student will be on disciplinary probation for the rest of the full-expulsion period. If the administration determines that the student has failed to satisfy the conditions set forth in the motion or has committed any suspendable or expellable offense during the expulsion period, the probation period shall cease and administration shall reinstate the student's expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion period without the need of an additional hearing. During the period of the expulsion, the

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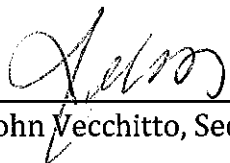
student, who is the subject of the hearing, shall not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school sponsored events and activities except as may be necessary to participate in the alternative educational opportunity provided by Region 10.

Superintendent Beitman explained that the parents may request in writing that the student's expulsion be expunged at the conclusion of the expulsion or 181 days.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Corey Rewenko and was seconded by Susan Baccaro at 6:36 pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Vecchitto, Secretary

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Date

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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]

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RSD10 Chair