



Board of Education Special Meeting

June 5, 2019 5:30 PM
Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137-B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Item 1: Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those Board members in attendance were Erica Gelven, Catherine Staunton, Lois Ruggiero, Kimberly Russo, and Mike Hornyak.

Also in attendance were: Maryann O'Donnell, Superintendent of Schools; Keri Hagness, Principal of The Morgan School; Kevin M. Roy, Board counsel; the student and parents.

Item 2: Motion to go into executive session for a confidential student disciplinary hearing.

Time: 5:38 p.m.

Proposed by: Lois Ruggiero

Seconded by: Mike Hornyak

Vote: All voted yes

The Board conducted a hearing in executive session regarding a confidential student disciplinary matter.

The Board recessed at 5:54 p.m. to deliberate over the confidential student disciplinary matter and continued its deliberations until 6:08 p.m.

Upon deliberating, the Board entered back into open session at 6:09 p.m. At that time, the Board made the following motion:

Motion:

Moved, that the Student who is the subject of the hearing did possess and distribute a controlled substance and is therefore expelled:

The expulsion will be for one calendar year and run from May 28, 2019 until May 27, 2020 with a provision for the Student to be able to return to school on the first day of the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year so long as the following conditions are met:

During the period of expulsion, the Student shall receive an appropriate alternative education opportunity as determined by administration at an off-campus site.

During the period of expulsion, the Student shall participate in a substance use/abuse educational program with a counseling element. The program will be coordinated between the school administration and the family, and shall last for the entire length of the expulsion period.

During the period of expulsion, the Student will comply with all requirements of the alternative educational opportunity as determine by administration and meet any obligations set forth by the court, if applicable.

On or about the first week in January 2020, the Superintendent will review the Student's performance in his alternative academic program, his participation in the substance use/abuse program, results of a recent drug test, and compliance with any court obligations to determine whether to allow the Student to return to school for the remainder of the year, beginning the first day of the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year. Regardless, the Student shall be subject to drug testing for the entire length of the expulsion period.

Following the return to school, should the Student violate any rule, regulation, or policy of the school or the Board or exhibit any behavior that is disruptive of the educational process the Superintendent may reinstitute the full term of the expulsion period.

In the event that the Student successfully completes the terms of the expulsion and does not exhibit behavior that necessitates further disciplinary action, the expulsion shall be expunged from his student record upon graduation.

During the period of expulsion, the Student is not allowed on any school grounds or permitted to attend any school-sponsored events.

Time: 6:09 p.m.

Proposed by: Lois Ruggiero

Seconded by: Erica Gelven

Vote: All voted yes. Motion carried.

Item 4: Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by K. Roy