



## SPECIAL BOE MEETING

### MINUTES

December 1, 2010  
Central Office  
8:00 P.M.

### EXPULSION HEARING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yashu Putorti, BOE member  
Bruce Baker, BOE member  
Peter Kubik, BOE member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent  
Frederick Dorsey, Counsel for the Board  
Attorney Gary Brochu  
Jim Freund, Assistant Principal, SHS  
Richard Kearns, Director of Security  
Patricia Gillis, Clerk  
Lindsey Guerrero, Student's Counsel  
Student  
Parent of the Student  
Melissa Clark, DCF  
Anne Carey DCF

Mr. Putorti called the meeting to order at 9:24 p.m. explaining that the agenda called for the Board to consider and act upon a recommendation from the administration regarding a student expulsion.

10-E023 MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec. Mr.Kubik) moved 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 invites the following individuals to attend the executive session:

Mary Anne Mascolo, Superintendent  
Frederick Dorsey, Counsel for the Board  
Attorney Gary Brochu  
Jim Freund, Assistant Principal, SHS  
Richard Kearns, Director of Security  
Patricia Gillis, Clerk  
Lindsey Guerrero, Student's Counsel  
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SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Baker, Mr. Kubik

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:41p.m.

In addition to the Board members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in executive session. The Board Members along with Attorney Dunn entered into deliberations at 9:41 p.m.

The Board entered into regular session at 9:48 p.m.

10-E024 MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Kubik) move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, Seymour Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Seymour High School for the period from November 11, 2010 until November 10, 2011 for the reasons presented by the administration in this hearing.

Further, the Board directs the administration to offer an alternative educational opportunity to the student for the period of this expulsion, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d), as determined by the Planning and Placement Team.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year, if the Student meets the following conditions:

- regularly participates and receives passing grades in the student's alternative education program;
- if readmitted early, the Student will be unable to participate in any extracurricular activities such as dances, field trips, athletic events, etc, until the end of the 2010-2011 school year;
- if readmitted early, the Student will be unable to participate in any Seymour High School team or non-sports club;
- the Student, from date of expulsion until end of school year, must perform 100 hours of community service;
- if readmitted early, from the beginning of second semester until the end of the school year, the Student must receive all passing grades;
- if readmitted early, from the beginning of the second semester until the end of the school year, the Student must not have any serious disciplinary referrals as determined by the Superintendent;
- if readmitted early, the parents of the Student must schedule a meeting with the Superintendent during the second week of June, 2011;
- if readmitted early and all criteria are met, then the probationary period of the expulsion will end and not be carried into the 2011-2012 school year;
- should the criteria not be met, then the Student will be unable to participate in any activities until the end of the expulsion period on November 10, 2011.

If such an incident occurs, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the unserved period of the student's expulsion, with necessity of further action by the Board.

The Board further 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 Bruce Baker and Attorney Frederick L. Dorsey to communicate in writing to the student and/or his/her parents, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Baker, Mr. Kubik

10-E025 MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Kubik) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Baker; Mr. Kubik

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Patricia Gillis, Clerk