



Seymour Public Schools

Seymour Board of Education

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2026

Seymour Middle School

4:30 pm

Board Members Present: Jim Garofolo
Lori Nespoli
Ed Strumello

Others Present: Attorney Rosen
Dr. Susan Compton
Mr. O'Rourke
Mr. Freund
Shannon Levey
Parents of the student
Student

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order at 4:38 PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions of those in attendance were made.

Mr. Strumello made the opening statement. I will now call to order a special meeting of the Expulsion Subcommittee of the Seymour Board of Education, which is called for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing. It is the intention of the Board to conduct the expulsion hearing in Executive Session, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the public meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, since the personally identifiable information and records of the student who is the subject of the expulsion hearing are likely to be discussed. I will now entertain a motion to enter the Executive Session.

MOTION: (Jim Garofolo / Lori Nespoli) I move that the Expulsion Subcommittee of the Board of Education enter executive session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which matters of personal privacy of the student involved are likely to be discussed. Further, I move that the following persons are to be invited into Executive Session to assist in either giving testimony or evidence, or representing the various parties to the proceeding: members of the board, Dr. Compton, Attorney Rosen, Mr. O'Rourke, Mr. Freund, Mrs. Levey, the student and the parents of the student.

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Strumello, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Nespoli

PASSED: 3-0-0

II. STUDENT EXPULSION

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

MOTION: (Lori Nespoli / Jim Garofolo) I move that the student about whom the expulsion hearing was conducted on October 5, 2026 at 4:30 PM is to be expelled, effective immediately, until September 21, 2027. During the term of her expulsion the student shall be provided with an alternative education opportunity. If, in the judgement of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Susan Compton, the student has actively and cooperatively participated in her

alternative education program, and if the student complies with the requirements outlined in Dr. Compton's recommendations explained in the Superintendent's proposed order shared during executive session, the student may be re-enrolled in the regular school program on probationary basis on January 20, 2027. Under the terms of her probation, if the student commits any offense which otherwise would be punishable by either an in-school or out-of-school suspension, her expulsion will resume immediately and will continue until September 21, 2027. I further move to authorize the Board counsel to prepare a written decision consistent with these findings to be entered into the record of this matter and provided to the parents and student.

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Strumello, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Nespoli

PASSED: 3-0-0

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

B. Superintendent's Report

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

Prepared by: Shannon Levey, Board Clerk