

Special Meeting
REGION #9 BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 3, 2009
Joel Barlow High School – Room B109
7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Gombos, Hocker, Lewis, Stone, Neidenbach
Administration: Fossbender, McMorran, Pin, Mas

Others: 4 members of the community

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in room B107-109 of Joel Barlow High School.

MOTION:

Move 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) and (11). Further, that the Board invite the following individuals to attend the executive session:

1. Student
2. Student's Parent
3. Student's Counsel
4. Superintendent
5. Head of School & Asst. Superintendent
6. Asst. Principal for Operations & Pupil Personnel
7. Administration's Counsel
8. Board Counsel
9. Officer McManus

Gombos, Hocker. Approved. Unanimous.

Board enters executive session at 7:32 pm.

Thomas W. Smith enters executive session at 7:40 pm and leaves at 7:50 pm.

Robert Francis Tynan, Jr. enters executive session at 7:52 pm and leaves at 8:04 pm.

Christopher McManus leaves executive session at 8:55 pm.

Roseanne D'Aureli enters executive session at 9:45 pm and leaves at 9:53 pm.

Krista McNamara enters executive session at 9:53 pm and leaves at 10:00 pm.

Father Russell Albert Augustine enters executive session at 10:00 pm and leaves at 10:12 pm.

The meeting recessed at 10:40 pm.

The meeting reconvened in executive session at 11:07 pm.

All invited guests, except Attorney Dorsey, leave the meeting at 11:10 pm.

RECONVENE

Mr. Stone reconvened the meeting in public session at 11:18 pm.

Board Motion 8-3-09

Move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Region No. 9 Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Joel Barlow High School for the period from May 21, 2009, until May 20, 2010, for the reasons presented by the Administration in this hearing.

Further, the Board directs the Administration to cooperate with the student in attaining course credit during the expulsion, but not to offer an alternative educational opportunity, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d) due to the student's age and bringing a dangerous instrument on to school grounds.

The Board will meet in November of 2009 to consider early readmission for the second semester of the 2009-10 school year, where the Board will consider evidence to show that the student has demonstrated sustained good behavior, stable emotions and psychiatric determination that the student is not a danger to himself or others.

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 Catherine Gombos and Attorney Fred 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.

Gombos, Neidenbach. Approved. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn. Lewis, Neidenbach. Approved. Unanimous.

Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 11:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gombos, Board of Education Secretary