

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING - STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTER
JANUARY 5, 2010**

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m. by Melissa Hofmann for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing.

Present: Lori Jahoda, Melissa Hofmann, James Mello

Also Present: Robert McGray, Atty. Mark Sommaruga, Robert Laskarzewski, Dr. Bonnie Hanna, Atty. Steven Sedor, the student who is the subject of the expulsion proceedings, and parents and of the student who is the subject of the expulsion proceedings.

It is the intention of the Board to conduct the expulsion hearing in Executive Session. The parents of the student in question were notified of their right to waive personal privacy rights and to require the Board to conduct the expulsion hearing in public session.

Having received no request to conduct the hearing in public session, M. Hofmann entertained a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing during which matters concerning personal privacy of the student involved are likely to be discussed.

Motion: L. Jahoda – Move that 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 of evidence, or representation of the various parties to the proceedings: Robert McGray, Superintendent of Schools; the student who is the subject of the expulsion proceedings; the parents of the student who is the subject of the expulsion proceedings; Attorney Mark Sommaruga, Principal Robert Laskarzewski, Assistant Principal Dr. Bonnie Hanna, Atty. Steven Sedor. Second: J. Mello, Vote: Unanimous. Entered Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.

Motion: L. Jahoda– Move to return to Public Session at 6:30 p.m. Second: J. Mello. Vote: Unanimous

Based upon the foregoing facts, the members of the Board of Education who were present at the hearing, upon motions duly made and seconded, voted unanimously (3-0) that:

1. The Board of Education adopts the Findings of Fact discussed in Executive Session concerning the student who was the subject of the expulsion hearing conducted in executive session.

2. Said student, as a consequence of the factual findings adopted by the Lebanon Board of Education, be expelled from participating in any phase of the Lebanon Public School District's educational program for one calendar year, through December 14, 2010. This includes expulsion from any and all school sponsored or school related curricular and extra-curricular classes, activities, programs, ceremonies, whether at school or other locations. However, the Superintendent may readmit the student to school at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year on probationary status provided that:

a) The student cooperates in the receipt of an alternative educational opportunity in a manner satisfactory to the Superintendent; and

b) The student passes a drug test within two week of the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

Should the student be readmitted on probationary status, his expulsion may be reinstated should he commit a suspendable or expellable offense or should he fail to meet with his guidance counselor on a weekly basis.

3. During any period of the student's expulsion, the administration shall offer the student an alternative educational opportunity within the meaning of §10-233d of the Connecticut General Statutes as determined by the Superintendent.

Adjournment:

Motion: L. Jahoda– Move to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Second: J. Mello

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Hofmann