

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING - STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTER  
DECEMBER 5, 2008**

**Call to Order:** 9:10 a.m. by Donna Lafontaine for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing.

**Present:** Darcy Battye, Melissa Hofmann, Donna Lafontaine

**Also Present:** Robert McGray, Atty. Mark Sommaruga, Stephen Salisbury, Carol Moore, Atty. Robert Opotzner, Stephanie Nicksey, Noreen Walsh, Mark Morello, Sherrilyn Flannery, Mary Scopino, Richard Hiscocks, Sandy Belisle, Trooper Trent Kalkus, Steve Novak, the student who is the subject of the expulsion proceedings, and parents and sister 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, D. Lafontaine 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: M. Hoffmann – 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 and sister of the student who is the subject of the expulsion proceedings; Attorney Mark Sommaruga, Principal Stephen Salisbury, Assistant Principal Carol Moore, Atty. Robert Opotzner, Stephanie Nicksey, Noreen Walsh, Mark Morello, Sherrilyn Flannery, Mary Scopino, Richard Hiscocks, Sandy Belisle, Trooper Trent Kalkus, Steve Novak. Second: D. Battye, Vote: Unanimous. Entered Executive Session at 9:25 a.m.

Motion: D. Battye– Move to return to Public Session at 10:40 a.m. Second: M. Hofmann. 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 the remainder of the school year. 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 student may return to school on April 20, 2009 at the discretion of the school administration provided that:

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

b) During the period of the student's expulsion, the student obeys Board policies, school rules and the law.

Should the student be readmitted on probationary status, the student's expulsion may be reinstated should the student commit a violation of Board policies, school rules or the law, up to and including the end of the school year.

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: D. Battye— Move to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Second: M. Hofmann

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Lafontaine