

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2006**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on January 4, 2006 for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter. Board of Education Chairman Robert Baranoff called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Members present: Diane Stock, Mark Almeida, Robert Baranoff, Daniel Cronin, and Michael Trahan.

Members absent: Jo Ferjak, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Nancy Gorski, Mary Withington, Richard Cabral, and Douglas Stevenson.

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Gary S. Mala, H-K High School Principal Charles Macunas, H-K Associate Principal Jill MacDiarmid, Board Clerk Ann Lang, student, and student's father.

Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Ms. Stock **SECONDED** the Board enter executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 6:13 p.m.

Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Ms. Stock **SECONDED** the Board move out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 8:50 p.m.

*Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Ms. Stock **SECONDED** that the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education find, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that on December 15, 2005 the Student, 010406, violated Board policy 5131 by being in possession of alcohol on school property, and was seriously disruptive of the educational process, and, thus, is an expellable offense. The Student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth High School until the end of the 2005-06 school year. And moved further that if the Student satisfies all of the following conditions, as determined by the administration, he/she may re-enter school effective the start of the second semester solely for the purpose of attending Advanced Auto and Woodworking classes with the Student providing his/her own transportation. Conditions:*

- 1. Must attend and participate on a daily basis in the alternative educational program provided by the district for all other classes, in accordance with applicable statutes, and must make a good faith effort to make good educational progress in that program;*
- 2. Must comply with all Board of Education policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct while on school property;*
- 3. Must sign in and out with the high school office and promptly leave the school after his/her shop classes and may only go to the shop class wing;*
- 4. Must meet weekly with the school's substance abuse counselor;*

- 5. *The family must work with the administration and/or their designees to try to find affordable outside therapy for the Student, and the Student must comply with all recommendations of the therapist, as recorded by the Student's parents;*
- 6. *There shall be no unexcused absences.*

If the administration determines that the Student has failed to satisfy any of the conditions set forth in this motion or has committed any suspendable or expellable offense during the expulsion period, the administration shall exclude the Student from the two shop classes for the remainder of the expulsion period without any further proceedings before the Board.

Except as noted above, during the period of the expulsion, the Student who is the subject of this hearing shall not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school-sponsored events and activities, except for graduation ceremonies and other senior events and for his participation in the educational opportunity provided by the Regional School District No. 17 public schools. The senior privileges may be waived at the discretion of the administration. Furthermore, the high school administration shall have the discretion to provide one credit for work experience of 10 hours per week or more.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Ms. Stock **SECONDED** the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lang, Board Clerk

Approval:

Amy Jacques-Purdy, Secretary

Date

Approved as presented at the February 7, 2006, Board of Education meeting.