

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

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held January 17, 2006 in the Central Office. Board of Education Chair Robert Baranoff called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members present: Robert Baranoff, Jo Ferjak, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Nancy Gorski, Mark Almeida, and Michael Trahan. Michael Trahan left at 7:30 p.m.

Members absent: Mary Withington, Diane Stock, Daniel Cronin, Richard Cabral, and Douglas Stevenson.

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Gary S. Mala, H-K Middle School Principal Mim Wagner, H-K Middle School Assistant Principal Michael Susi, student, student's parents, and Michelle Knockwood, recording secretary.

Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Ms. Ferjak **SECONDED** the Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter. Motion passed unanimously at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Ms. Ferjak **SECONDED** the Board move out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 7:53 p.m.

Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Ms. Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** *that the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education find, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that in late October or early November the Student 011706 violated Board policy 5145.5 (a) on sexual harassment; and/or endangered persons or property, and/or was seriously disruptive of the educational process; and, thus, is an expellable offense. The Student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth Middle School until the end of the 2005-06 school year. Further move that if the Student satisfies all of the following conditions, as determined by the Administration, his/her expulsion may be suspended, and he/she may re-enter school effective February 2, 2006.*

1. *Must attend and participate on a daily basis in the alternative educational program provided by the district 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;*
3. *Must begin completion and pledge to complete 10 hours of community service per month from January 18 through the end of the school year in June, for a total of 50 hours;*

- 4. *Must complete a minimum of three counseling sessions with a middle school guidance counselor, school psychologist, and/or social worker and commit to three more sessions within one month of re-entry. Two of the six sessions should be with the student's parents;*
- 5. *Must complete a research paper on the topic of sexual harassment with a minimum of 10 typewritten, double-spaced pages, with appropriate reference citations;*
- 6. *Must send a written apology to the student who was the target of the misconduct through the guidance counselor;*
- 7. *Following any such readmission, must make a good faith effort to attend school and class, complete all assignments and make good educational progress;*

*provided that following any such readmission, 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 reinstate the expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion period, without any further proceedings before the Board.*

*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, including graduation ceremonies, except for his/her participation in the educational opportunity provided by the Regional School District No. 17 public schools.*

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Ms. Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** that the meeting adjourned. Motion passed unanimously at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approval:

Ann Lang, Board Clerk

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Amy Jacques-Purdy, Secretary

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Date

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