

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2006**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held January 18, 2006, in the Central Office. Board of Education Chair Robert Baranoff called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Members present: Robert Baranoff, Jo Ferjak, Mary Withington and Diane Stock.

Members absent: Amy Jacques Purdy, Nancy Gorski, Mark Almeida, Daniel Cronin, Richard Cabral, Douglas Stevenson, and Michael Trahan.

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Gary S. Mala, H-K Middle School Principal Mim Wagner, and H-K Middle School Assistant Principal Michael Susi, student, student's mother and stepfather, and Ann Lang, Board Clerk.

Ms. Ferjak **MOVED** and Ms. Withington **SECONDED** the Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter. Motion passed unanimously at 6:11 p.m.

Ms. Stock **MOVED** and Ms. Withington **SECONDED** the Board move out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Baranoff read the following Board decision:

The Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education find, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that from mid-September through December 2005 the Student, 011806, violated Board policy 5145.5 (a-b) 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 H-K Middle 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, his/her expulsion may be suspended, and he/she may re-enter school effective February 27, 2006. The conditions are:

- 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 regarding student conduct;*
- 3. Must complete 20 hours of community service before reentry, and an additional 10 hours per month during the months of March, April, May and June;*

- 4. *Must have completed a minimum of four sessions with the middle school guidance counselor, school psychologist and/or social worker prior to reentry and an additional two sessions within a month after coming back. His/her parents must attend two of these sessions and they may include any siblings if they so desire;*
- 5. *Must write a 10-page, double-spaced typewritten research paper on sexual harassment, complete with reference citations;*
- 6. *Must write apologies to the two students who were targets of the inappropriate behavior. The apologies are to be submitted to the guidance counselor for approval and delivery;*
- 7. *Following any such readmission, the Student 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.

Ms. Ferjak **MOVED** and Ms. Stock **SECONDED** that the Board approve the motion as read. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ferjak **MOVED** and Ms. Stock **SECONDED** that the meeting adjourned. Motion passed unanimously at 8:34 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.