

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

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held December 18, 2006, in the Haddam-Killingworth Media Center. Board of Education Chairman Robert Baranoff called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members present: Amy Jacques Purdy, Jo Ferjak, Diane Stock, Robin Chasse, Robert Baranoff, Mark Almeida, Michael Trahan, John O'Leary, and Richard Cabral.

Members absent: Nancy Gorski and Daniel Cronin.

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Gary S. Mala, H-K High School Principal Charles Macunas, H-K High School Associate Principal Priscilla Luoma, Attorney Rebecca Santiago (representing the Board of Education), Attorney Mark Balaban (representing the student and student's family), Board Clerk Ann Lang, student, and student's parents.

Mr. Cabral **MOVED** and Mr. Almeida **SECONDED** the Board enter executive session to discuss a confidential student matter and invite legal counsel for the student, student, student's parents, Attorney Rebecca Santiago, Charles Macunas, Priscilla Luoma, Gary S. Mala, and Ann Lang. Motion passed unanimously at 7:11 p.m.

Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board move out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 9:25 p.m.

Ms. Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education find, based on the evidence in the record that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on December 4, 2006, make a false bomb threat which violated a publicized policy of the Board, potentially endangered persons or property, was seriously disruptive of the educational process, and, thus, is an expellable offense. Move further that the Student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the Regional School District No. 17 public schools until December 18, 2007. When the student returns, he or she will meet weekly with a school counselor or a mutually agreed-upon counselor selected jointly by the parents and the administration at the parents' expense.

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 if necessary to participate in the alternative educational opportunities provided by the Regional School District No. 17.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cabral **MOVED** and Mr. Almeida **SECONDED** that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lang, Board Clerk

Approval:

Amy Jacques-Purdy, Secretary

Date

Approved as presented at the January 2, 2007 Board of Education meeting.

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