

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2006**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held April 24, 2006, in the Central Office. Board of Education member Mark Almeida called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Members present: Diane Stock, Nancy Gorski, Mark Almeida, and Michael Trahan.

Members absent: Amy Jacques-Purdy, Jo Ferjak, Mary Withington, Robert Baranoff, Richard Cabral, Douglas Stevenson, and Daniel Cronin.

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Gary S. Mala, High School Associate Principal Connie Bombaci, Board Clerk Ann Lang, student, and student's parents.

Ms. Stock **MOVED** and Ms. Gorski **SECONDED** the Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter. Motion passed unanimously at 8:05 a.m.

Ms. Stock **MOVED** and Ms. Gorski **SECONDED** the Board move out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 9:45 a.m.

*Mr. Trahan **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 April 6, 2006, the Student, 042406, specifically, brought marijuana to school and smoked marijuana on school property during school hours, and, thus, is an expellable offense. The Student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth High School for 180 school days. And moved further that if the Student satisfies all of the following conditions, as determined by the Administration, the expulsion may be suspended and the student may re-enter school effective at the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year and the balance to be served as an in-school suspension. The conditions are:*

- 1. Successful completion of a substance abuse rehabilitation program or program with private substance abuse counselor approved by the Administration;*
- 2. Submit negative monthly drug screens completed at the expense of the student 042406's parents for a period of one year commencing in April 2006;*
- 3. Completion of 20 hours of community service per month prior to readmission. The community service does not count towards the high school graduation requirement;*
- 4. 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;*
- 5. Must comply with all Board of Education policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct;*

6. *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;*
7. *During any in-school suspension, the Student shall have a minimum of two days tutoring support per week;*

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 participation in the educational opportunity provided by the Regional School District No. 17 public schools.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Stock **MOVED** and Ms. Gorski **SECONDED** that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lang, Board Clerk

Approval:

Amy Jacques-Purdy, Secretary

Date

Approved as presented at the May 9, 2006 Board of Education meeting.