

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2006**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held October 30, 2006, in the Central Office. Board of Education member Mark Almeida called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members present: Amy Jacques Purdy, Diane Stock, Mark Almeida, and Richard Cabral.

Members absent: Nancy Gorski, Jo Ferjak, Douglas Stevenson (*correction: Douglas Stevenson resigned as of October 17 and should not be listed*), Daniel Cronin, John O'Leary, Robert Baranoff, and Michael Trahan.

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

Ms. Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Ms. Stock **SECONDED** that the Board enter executive session to discuss a confidential student matter. Motion passed unanimously at 8:36 a.m.

Ms. Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Ms. Stock **SECONDED** that the Board move out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 9:48 a.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 of this hearing, that on October 18, 2006, the Student, 103006, violated Board policy 5131, (in possession of drug paraphernalia) and, thus, is an expellable offense. The Student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth High School until the end of the first semester. However, if the Student agrees to the following conditions, he/she may re-enter school November 20, 2006. The conditions are the following:

1. The Student 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. The Student must comply with all Board of Education policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct;
3. The Student must complete ten counseling sessions with the school counselor or substance abuse counselor at Haddam-Killingworth High School. Two sessions should include the entire family;
4. The Student will submit negative monthly drug tests, starting November 1, for the balance of the school year, the cost of the test to be paid for by the family;

5. Upon return, the Student shall attend a minimum of three sessions of an extra-curricular program at the high school;
6. The Student will check in weekly with his/her guidance counselor or the substance abuse counselor for emotional and/or academic support;
7. The Student will complete 10 hours of community service per month for the balance of the 2006-07 school year. These hours will not be credited toward the graduation requirement;
8. The Student will attend five study/note-taking skills sessions with a high school teacher to be identified by administration.

Provided that following any 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 this expulsion period, the administration shall reinstate the expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion period, without 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 or participate in any school-sponsored events and activities, including graduation ceremonies, except for his/her participation in the educational opportunities and counseling provided by the Regional School District No. 17 public schools.

Motion passed. Aye: Amy Jacques-Purdy, Mark Almeida, and Richard Cabral. Nay: Diane Stock.

Ms. Stock ***MOVED*** and Mr. Cabral ***SECONDED*** that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lang, Board Clerk

Approval:

Amy Jacques-Purdy, Secretary

Date

Approved as corrected at the November 7, 2006 Board of Education meeting.

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