

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2006**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held September 28, 2006, in the Central Office. Board of Education Vice Chair Jo Ferjak called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members present: Amy Jacques Purdy, Jo Ferjak, John O'Leary and Robert Baranoff.

Members absent: Diane Stock, Nancy Gorski, Mark Almeida, Richard Cabral, Douglas Stevenson, Daniel Cronin, and Michael Trahan.

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

Ms. Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Mr. O'Leary **SECONDED** the Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter. Motion passed unanimously at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Baranoff **MOVED** and Ms. Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** the Board move out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Mr. Baranoff **SECONDED** that the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education find, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that on September 19, 2006, the Student, 092806A, violated Board policy 5131, consuming marijuana and Xanax on school grounds, and, thus, is an expellable offense. The Student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth High School for the balance of the 2006-07 school year. If the Student satisfies all of the following conditions as determined by the administration, (*correction: his/her*) expulsion may be suspended, and (*correction: he/she*) may re-enter school at the beginning of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year. The conditions are:

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 participate regularly and complete a substance abuse counseling program acceptable to the administration, with any costs of such counseling to be paid for by the Student;
4. The Student will complete monthly drug tests at the parents' expense through the balance of the 2006-07 school year;

5. The Student will complete 30 hours of community service prior to readmission in January which will not be credited toward graduation;
6. The Student will also complete five counseling sessions with the school social worker, substance abuse counselor, or school psychologist, at least two of which shall involve the family, before returning in January;
7. Following any such readmission, the Student must again continue to make a good faith effort to attend school and class, complete all assignments and make good educational progress;

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 (*correction: his/her*) participation in the educational opportunities and counseling provided by the Regional School District No. 17 public schools.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baranoff **MOVED** and Ms. Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** that the meeting adjourn.  
Motion passed unanimously at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lang, Board Clerk

Approval:

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Amy Jacques-Purdy, Secretary

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Date

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