

**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 Chair Robert Baranoff called the meeting to order at 8:47 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 legal guardian and grandfather.

Ms. Ferjak **MOVED** and Ms. Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** the Board enter executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 8:48 p.m.

Ms. Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Ms. Ferjak **SECONDED** the Board move out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 9:40 p.m.

Ms. Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Ms. Ferjak **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 20, 2006, the Student, 092806C, violated Board policy 5131 and was in possession of drug paraphernalia, 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. However, 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 October 4, 2006. The following conditions are:

1. The Student must comply with all Board of Education policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct;
2. The Student must participate regularly in an individual counseling program focused on substance abuse acceptable to the administration, with any costs of such counseling to be paid by the Student;
3. In addition, upon re-entry the Student will engage in a minimum of ten counseling sessions with the social worker at Haddam-Killingworth High School, two sessions of which include the entire family;
4. The Student will also participate in a psycho-educational assessment guided by school personnel;

5. The Student will complete 30 hours of community service prior January 1, 2007. These will not count toward your graduation requirement;
6. The Board of Education also recommends the student participate in a minimum of three sessions of an extra-curricular activity mutually agreed upon by the administration and family by January 1, 2007;
7. In addition, the Student will submit negative monthly drug tests at the family's expense throughout the remainder of the 2006-07 school year.

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 will reinstate the expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion period, without any further proceedings before the Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ferjak **MOVED** and Ms. Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lang, Board Clerk

Approval:

Amy Jacques-Purdy, Secretary

Date