

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 20, 2023

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 20, 2023 via Google Meets Video Conference. Board of Education Vice Chair, Jennifer Favalora called the meeting to order at 10:30 p.m.

Members present: Prem Aithal, Nelson Rivera, and Jennifer Favalora

Also present: Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Wihbey, Assistant Superintendent, Jennifer Miller, Principal, Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal, Adam Apicella, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Pamela Hensel, student and students' foster parents, Attorney Floyd Dugas, Berchem Moses P.C. and Attorney David Cutillo, David Cutillo Law, LLC.

At 10:41 a.m. Mr. Prem Aithal **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** the Board of Education enter Executive Session for discussion of a confidential student matter. *Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.*

At 1:16 p.m. Mr. Prem Aithal **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion the Board return to public session. *Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.*

At 1:17 p.m. Mr. Prem Aithal **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** that the Regional School District No.17 Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that on February 10, 2023, student #03202023 violated Board Policy # 5131.III #15 and #17; and, thus is an expellable offense. The Board of Education moves that the Student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth High School for One Calendar Year. However, if the Student agrees to and completes, where appropriate, all of the following conditions, as determined by the Administration, the student shall be eligible for early reentry on the first day of the 2023-24 school year.

BOE conditions:

1. *Student shall participate in at least 2 counseling sessions per month outside school as arranged by his family for the duration of the expulsion period.*
2. *Student shall make academic progress throughout the period of expulsion.*
3. *Student will submit to and pass a monthly drug test for the duration of the expulsion conducted by an outside lab.*

4. *Upon return, student will demonstrate no further disciplinary issues at the level of suspension or above.*

The student must make a good faith effort to attend school and class on time, complete all assignments and make good educational progress;

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 any period of expulsion or during any subsequent reinstatement of the expulsion, the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be provided an alternative educational opportunity by the Regional School District No. 17 Public Schools. Transportation for tutoring will not be provided by the District. During the expulsion period, the Student will not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school-sponsored events, and activities, except to comply with the above conditions. *Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.*

At 1:22 p.m. Dr. Nelson Rivera **MOVED** and Mr. Prem Aithal **SECONDED** a motion that the meeting be adjourned. *Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Hensel
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Approval:

Joel D'Angelo, Secretary

Date