



Board of Education Special Meeting

January 13, 2020 6:15 PM

Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137-B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Item 1: Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

Those Board members in attendance were Erica Gelven, Michael Hornyak, Christopher Passante, and Jason Adler.

Also in attendance were: Maryann O'Donnell, Superintendent of Schools; Keri Hagness, Principal of The Morgan School; Kevin M. Roy, Board counsel; the student and guardians.

Item 2: Motion to go into executive session for a confidential student disciplinary hearing.

Time: 6:13 p.m.

Proposed by: Michael Hornyak

Seconded by: Jason Adler

Vote: All voted yes

The Board conducted a hearing in executive session regarding a confidential student disciplinary matter.

The Board recessed at 6:25 p.m. to deliberate over the confidential student disciplinary matter and continued its deliberations until 6:33 p.m.

Upon deliberating, the Board entered back into open session at 6:34 p.m. At that time, the Board made the following motion:

Motion:

Motion, that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on or about January 2, 2020 possess a controlled substance on school grounds which is an expellable offense.

The expulsion will be for one calendar year and run from January 2, 2020 to January 1, 2021 with a provision for the student to return to school on the first day of the 1st Quarter of the 2020-2021 school year so long as the following conditions are met:

During the period of expulsion, the student shall not be allowed on school grounds or at any school-sponsored activity.

During the period of expulsion, the student shall receive an alternative education opportunity as determined by administration.

During the full period of expulsion, the student will participate in a substance use/abuse educational program with a counseling element. The program will be coordinated between the school administration and the family.

During the period of expulsion, the student will comply with all requirements of the alternative educational opportunity as determined by administration and meet any obligations set forth by the court, if applicable.

On or about August 20, 2020, the Superintendent will review the student's performance in an alternative academic program, participation in the substance use/abuse program, results of a recent drug test, and compliance with any court obligations to determine whether to allow the student to return to school for the 2020-2021 school year, beginning the first day of the 1st Quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Following the return to school, should the student violate any rule, regulation, or policy of the school or the Board or exhibit any behavior that is disruptive of the educational process, the Superintendent may reinstitute the full term of the expulsion period. Following return to school, the student shall be subject to random drug testing.

In the event the student successfully completes the terms of the expulsion and does not exhibit behavior that necessitates further disciplinary action, the expulsion shall be expunged from the student record upon graduation.

Time: 6:35 p.m.

Proposed by: Erica Gelven

Seconded by: Jason Adler

Vote: All voted yes. Motion carried.

Item 3: Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by K. Roy