



Board of Education Special Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 6:00 PM

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

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

Jason Adler: Present
Erica Gelven: Present
Michael Hornyak: Present
Peter Nye: Absent
Alan Samet: Present
Jack Scherban: Present
Catherine Staunton: Present

1.Call to Order

Also in attendance were Attorney Julie Jacquays, Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Assistant Principal Chris Luther, School Resource Officer Brian Corbin, the student, and the student's father.

2.Executive Session Anticipated for a Confidential Student Matter

MOTION: That the Board enter into Executive Session at 6:10 PM and invite J. Jacquays, M. O'Donnell, C. Luther, B. Corbin, Student's Parent, and Student for the purpose of discussion re: a confidential student matter. Carried with a motion by Erica Gelven and a second by Michael Hornyak.

Jason Adler: Yea
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Absent
Alan Samet: Yea
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

M. O'Donnell, C. Luther, B. Corbin, Student's Parent, and Student exited Executive Session at 6:32 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:02 PM.

3.Possible Action for a Confidential Student Matter

MOTION: That the Clinton Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record, that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on May 18, 2023, strike or assault another student and did possess an electronic cannabis delivery system which violated a publicized policy of the Board, was seriously disruptive of the educational process and endangered persons or property. As a result of the above findings, the Clinton Board of Education concludes that the student who is the subject of this hearing did commit an expellable offense. Carried with a motion by Jason Adler and a second by Michael Hornyak.

Jason Adler: Yea
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Absent
Alan Samet: Yea
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

M. O'Donnell made a recommendation.

MOTION: That the Board enter into Executive Session at 7:21 PM and invites J. Jaquays to discuss a confidential student matter. Carried with a motion by Erica Gelven and a second by Jason Adler.

Jason Adler: Yea
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Absent
Alan Samet: Yea
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:44 PM.

MOTION: That the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the Clinton Public Schools for one calendar year from the date of the incident, May 18, 2023, until May 17, 2024. During the period of expulsion period 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 except for their participation in the alternative educational opportunity. During the expulsion period, the student shall receive an alternative educational opportunity in accordance with the law. The student may be permitted early readmission to school on the first day of the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year if the Superintendent finds, in the Superintendent's sole discretion, that the student has met the following conditions:

1. The student must make a good faith effort to succeed in the alternative educational opportunity during the period of expulsion, by attending and participating in the program regularly, completing all assigned homework and other assignments in a timely manner and otherwise demonstrating a good faith effort to succeed in the program;
2. The student must not engage in any conduct that would warrant suspension and/or expulsion under the policies of the Clinton Board of Education as determined by the Superintendent;
3. The student avoids any action that results in arrest; and
4. The student participates regularly in counseling sessions.

If readmitted early, the student will be on probation for the remainder of the original expulsion period. During the probation period, the student must:

1. Not engage in any conduct that would warrant suspension and/or expulsion under the policies of the Clinton Board of Education as determined by the Superintendent, and
2. Avoid any action that results in arrest.

If the student violates any of the conditions of this probationary period, as determined by the Superintendent in the Superintendent's sole discretion, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the remaining term of their expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board. The Administration also reserves the right to impose additional disciplinary consequences for any future disciplinary violations which may occur during the student's period of expulsion or during the student's probationary return to school, depending on the severity and nature of any future misconduct. The expulsion shall be expunged from the student's academic record upon graduation from high school.

Carried with a motion by Erica Gelven and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Jason Adler:	Yea
Erica Gelven:	Yea
Michael Hornyak:	Yea
Peter Nye:	Absent
Alan Samet:	Yea
Jack Scherban:	Yea
Catherine Staunton:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Alan Samet.

Jason Adler:	Yea
Erica Gelven:	Yea
Michael Hornyak:	Yea
Peter Nye:	Absent
Alan Samet:	Yea
Jack Scherban:	Yea
Catherine Staunton:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1