

A special subcommittee of the Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in special session on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Special Education Conference Room, Coginchaug Regional High School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, Connecticut.

Board members present: Mrs. Melissa Booth, Mr. Norman Hicks, Mr. Robert Moore and Mrs. Lucy Petrella

Administrators present: Coginchaug Regional High School Principal Mr. Brian Falcone and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kathryn Veronesi

Others present: The student who is the subject of this hearing and the student's parent

Hearing Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Petrella to approve the agenda as presented. In favor of approving the agenda as presented: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Booth, and Mr. Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

Move to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential student matter, as permitted by Conn. Gen. Statute § 1-200(6) and 1-210(b)(17) (student expulsion hearing)

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Petrella, to go into executive session and invite Dr. Veronesi, Mr. Falcone, the student and the parent. In favor of approving the motion to go into executive session: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Booth, and Mr. Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into executive session.

The Board resumed public session.

Mrs. Petrella made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Moore:

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education adopts the following motion concerning this matter:

- 1. The Student who is the subject of this hearing was expelled from another school district on May 21, 2019. The student who is the subject of this hearing was expelled for fighting and injuring other students and a staff member.*
- 2. This conduct violates Regional School District 13 Board of Education policy # 5114 (Student Discipline) and would also warrant an expulsion under the Board's policy.*

Based upon the findings noted above, with supporting documents, the Board adopts the expulsion decision of the previous district, with the effect that the student who is the subject of this hearing is expelled from all school property and all school-sponsored activities of the Region School District 13 Public Schools through January 23, 2020.

During any period of exclusion from school imposed by this expulsion decision, the student is not permitted on school property or at any school- sponsored activity unless specific written

authorization is obtained from the Administration. During any period of exclusion from school imposed by this expulsion decision, the student will be provided with an alternative educational in accordance with the law.

At least two weeks prior to re-entry the student who is the subject of this hearing shall meet with the superintendent of Regional School District 13.

In favor of approving the motion to adopt the expulsion of previous district: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Booth, and Mr. Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Petrella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to adjourn the meeting. In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Booth, and Mr. Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Kathryn Veronesi