

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OCT 13 2009

Monday, September 14, 2009

501 Kings Highway East - 2nd Floor Board Conference Room**APPROVED**

Chairman Mrs. Catherine Albin called to order at 8:05 p.m. the Special Meeting of the Board of Education Expulsion Sub-Committee which was called for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing. Members present were Mrs. Catherine Albin, Ms. Helen Dodson, Mrs. Pamela Iacono, Mrs. Brenda Kupchick, Mr. John Mitola, and Ms. Stacey Zahn. Also in attendance were Dr. Ann Clark, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Andrea Leonardi, Director of Special Education; Mr. David Ebling, Fairfield Ludlowe HS Interim Headmaster; Mr. James Coyne, Fairfield Warde HS Headmaster; Attorneys Michelle Laubin and Carolyn Dugas, the Board's procedural advisors; Attorneys Donald Houston and Mike Bayonne, Attorneys for the Administration; Attorney Jonathan Klein, Attorney for the student; and the student and parent of the student who is the subject of the expulsion proceedings.

2. Mrs. Albin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mrs. Albin stated that it is the intention of the Board to conduct the Expulsion Hearing in Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 10-233d, the Public Meeting Requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Since the personally identifiable information and records of the student who is the subject of the expulsion hearing are likely to be discussed, Mrs. Albin asked for a motion to enter into executive session.
4. Ms. Zahn moved, seconded by Ms. Dodson that the Expulsion Sub-Committee of the Board of Education enter Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which matters of personal privacy of the student involved are likely to be discussed. Further moved that the following persons are to be invited into executive session to assist in either giving testimony or evidence or representing the various parties to the proceedings: Dr. Ann Clark, Superintendent of Schools; the student who is the subject of the expulsion proceedings; the parent of the student who is the subject of the expulsion proceedings; Attorneys Michelle Laubin and Carolyn Dugas, the Board's Procedural Advisors; Andrea Leonardi, Director of Special Education; Patrol Officers Koukoulas and Guilfoyle; Attorneys Donald Houston and Mike Bayonne for the administration; David Ebling, Fairfield Ludlowe HS Interim Headmaster; Mr. Jim Coyne, Fairfield Warde HS Headmaster; and Jonathan Klein, attorney for the student.

Motion carried: 6:0:0.

5. Ms. Zahn moved, seconded by Mrs. Iacono to reconvene to public session.
Motion carried: 6:0:0.

6. Return to Public Session-

Attorney Klein, on behalf of student 09-02 and his parent, arrived at a mutually agreeable resolution which was acceptable to Superintendent Dr. Ann Clark, subject to approval by the Fairfield Board of Education. The Board asked to make wording/clarification changes to the agreement, which were acceptable to all parties.

Vote on the Expulsion of Student 09-02 as set forth in the signed Settlement Agreement dated September 14, 2009.

Motion carried: 6:0:0.

7. Mrs. Iacono moved, seconded by Mr. Mitola to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.
Motion carried: 6:0:0.