

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Special Board of Education Meeting
October 3, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Weighted vote

<i>Prospect...</i>	Daisy Laone	1.3
	Nazih Noujaim	1.3
	Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael P. Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Kurt Ogren, Principal Woodland High School

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Alyce Alfano, Shipman & Goodwin–
Region 16 Board Attorney/Procedural Advisor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Nazih Noujaim at 6:30 p.m. at the Region 16 District Office, 30 Coer Road, Prospect, CT.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a hearing on a student discipline issue. It is the intention of the Board to conduct the hearing in executive session. Once in executive session, the Board’s Attorney, Ms. Alyce Alfano, acting as procedural advisor, will explain the procedures for this hearing.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to enter into executive session at 6:31 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which matters of personal privacy of one or more students enrolled in the Region 16 school system are likely to be discussed, by name, and during which educational records, not subject to disclosure under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, are likely to be discussed. Executive Session to include Attorney Alyce Alfano, Superintendent Michael Yamin, and Mr. Kurt Ogren.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote 3.9) **18-189**

At 6:35 p.m., all parties except the Board members and Attorney Alfano left the executive session while the Board members deliberated.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:40 p.m.

Roxann Vaillancourt MOVED and SECONDED by Daisy Laone that the Region 16 Board of Education Student Expulsion Committee finds, based on the evidence in the record, that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on or about September 18, 2018, possess a controlled substance on school grounds and was also in possession of drug paraphernalia. Said conduct violated a publicized policy of the Board, endangered persons and was seriously disruptive of the educational process. As a result of the above findings, the Board of Education concludes that the student who is the subject of this hearing did commit an expellable offense.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote 3.3)

18-190

Roxann Vaillancourt MOVED and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to accept the stipulated agreement entered into by the Administration of the Region 16 public schools and the student who is the subject of the hearing, regarding the student's expulsion from Woodland Regional High School. The student shall accept an expulsion of one calendar year, starting October 4, 2018; and, during this time, shall not be permitted on school grounds and shall not be permitted to attend any school activity, whether on or off school grounds, with the exception of his alternative education program as determined by the school administration.

The student may be allowed early readmission to school on the first day of 2018-2019 third marking period. The student's return is contingent upon successful performance in the Alternative Education setting. The student will attend school regularly, complete all required assignments, and maintain appropriate behavior as per BOE policy and Alternative Education procedures and expectations.

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

1. receive passing grades in his courses;
2. submit to and pass monthly drug tests;
3. participate in counseling with a school counselor;
4. refrain from committing an offense which would constitute an expellable or suspendable offense in accordance with district policy; and
5. avoid any action resulting in an arrest.

If the student violates any of the aforementioned conditions during the probationary period, the Superintendent shall have the discretion to reinstate the remaining term of the expulsion without further authorization by the Board. If the expulsion is reinstated, the student will be entitled to an alternative educational program as determined by the Administration. The student will not be permitted to enter school property and/or participate in school sponsored activities, with the exception of his alternative educational program, if applicable.

The student may petition the Board for an expungement of this expulsion in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-233d.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote 3.9)

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ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Daisy Laone and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to adjourn the October 3, 2018, Special Board of Education Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote 3.9)

18-192

Sincerely,

Christine Arnold, Secretary

These minutes are subject to Board approval.

Respectfully submitted by Superintendent Michael P. Yamin, acting Board clerk.