

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
December 20, 2018**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on December 20 2018, in the Central Office. Board of Education Chairman, Joanne Nesti called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

Members present: Eileen Blewett, Gerry Matthews, Kathy Zandi and Joanne Nesti

Also present: Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Principal Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Pamela Hensel, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, student and student's parent.

At 9:25 a.m. Mr. Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Ms. Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** the Expulsion Committee of the Board of Education enter Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing.

At 10.50 a.m. Ms. Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Mr. Gerry Matthews **SECONDED** a motion the Board return to public session. *Motion passed unanimously.*

At 10.51 a.m. Ms. Eileen Blewett **MOVED** and Mr. Gerry Matthews **SECONDED** that the Regional School District No.17 Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that on 12/06/2018 student 12202018 violated Board Policy # 5131.d13; states that student has engaged in unauthorized possession, sale, distribution, use or consumption of tobacco, drugs; and, thus is an expellable offense. The Board of Education moves that the Student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth Middle School for 180 days. However, if the Student agrees to and completes, where appropriate, all of the following conditions, as determined by the Administration, the expulsion shall be held in abeyance and the student shall return to school on February 1, 2019.

1. *Student shall participate in at least 1 counseling sessions per month outside school related to substance abuse, his decision making and coping skills throughout the period of expulsion as arranged by his family.*
2. *Student and HK guidance counselor are required to meet a minimum of once per week for the remainder of the expulsion period regarding academic progress and needs upon return.*
3. *Student shall make academic progress throughout the period of expulsion.*
4. *Student is required to satisfactorily complete all academic requirements before returning to school*
5. *Student will submit to and pass a monthly drug test.*
6. *Upon return student is required to maintain good attendance.*
7. *Student shall be allowed to participate in the 8th grade Washington DC trip provided that there are no new discipline referrals reported to the school administration.*

The student must make a good faith effort to attend school and class on time, complete all assignments and make good educational progress;

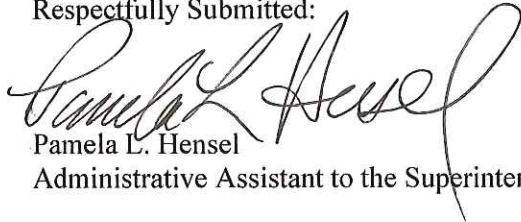
Provided that following any such readmission, if the Administration determines that the Student has failed to satisfy any of the conditions set forth in this motion or has committed any suspendable or expellable offense during the expulsion period, the Administration shall reinstate the expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion period, without any further proceedings before the Board.

During any period of expulsion or during any subsequent reinstatement of the expulsion the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be provided an alternative educational opportunity by the Regional School District No. 17 Public Schools. Transportation for tutoring will not be

provided by the District. During the expulsion period, the Student will not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school-sponsored events, and activities, except to comply with the above conditions. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10.57 a.m. Ms. Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Ms. Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** that the meeting be adjourned. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted:



Pamela L. Hensel
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Approval:



Eileen Blewett, Secretary

1/8/19

Date