

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 16, 2021

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 16, 2021, via Google Meets Video Conference. Board of Education Treasurer, Eileen Blewett called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Members present: Kathy Zandi, Jennifer Favalora, Brenda Buzzi and Eileen Blewett

Also present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Principal, Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Haddam-Killingworth High School Assistant Principal, Adam Apicella, Pamela Hensel, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, students' parents and student.

At 10:01 a.m. Ms. Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Ms. Jennifer Favalora **SECONDED** the Board of Education enter Executive Session for discussion of a confidential student matter. *Motion passed unanimously.*

At 11:22 a.m. Ms. Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Ms. Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion the Board return to public session. *Motion passed unanimously.*

At 11:22 a.m. Ms. Jennifer Favalora **MOVED** and Ms. Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** that the Regional School District No.17 Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that on March 4, 2021 student 03/16/2021 violated Board Policy # 5131; was found to be in possession of a vape cartridge that tested positive for THC; and, thus is an expellable offense. The Board of Education moves that the Student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth High School for (1) one calendar year. 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 March 29, 2021.

1. *Student shall participate in at least 2 counseling sessions per month outside school as arranged by his family for the duration of the expulsion period.*
2. *Student shall make satisfactory academic progress throughout the period of*

expulsion.

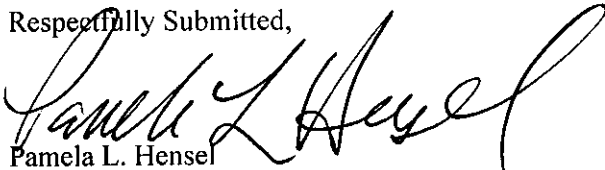
3. *Student will submit to and pass a monthly drug test for the duration of the expulsion conducted by an outside lab.*
4. *Upon return, student will demonstrate no further disciplinary issues at the level of suspension or above.*
5. *Upon return, student will meet regularly with a HKHS Administration/ Staff Mentor.*
6. *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.

At 11:28 a.m. Ms. Kathy Zandi MOVED and Ms. Brenda Buzzi SECONDED that the meeting be adjourned. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Pamela L. Hensel
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Approval:

Jennifer Favalora, Secretary

Date