

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
April 27, 2022

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 27, 2022, via Google Meets Video Conference. Board of Education Vice Chairman, Jennifer Favalora called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Lisa Connelly, Kathleen Zandi, Brenda Buzzi and Jennifer Favalora

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

At 9:00 a.m. Ms. Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Ms. Lisa Connelly **SECONDED** the Board of Education enter Executive Session for discussion of a confidential student matter. *Motion passed unanimously.*

At 10:07 a.m. Ms. Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Ms. Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion the Board return to public session. *Motion passed unanimously.*

At 10:09 a.m. Ms. Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Ms. Lisa Connelly **SECONDED** that the

Regional School District No.17 Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that on 04/08/2022 student 04/27/2022a violated Board Policy # 5131.d; #15 and #17; and, thus is an expellable offense. The Board of Education moves that the

Student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth High School for 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 Monday, May 16, 2022. 1. Student shall participate in at least 2 counseling sessions per month outside school as arranged by her family for the duration of the expulsion period.

2. Student shall make 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.

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 10:13 a.m. Ms. Jennifer Favalora adjourned the meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Hensel
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Approval:

Joel D'Angelo, Secretary

Date

