

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
May 22, 2024

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 22, 2024, via Google Meets Video Conference. Board of Education Member Lisa Connelly called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Members present: Jennifer Voegtli, Heather Pach, and Lisa Connelly

Also present Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Wihbey, Principal, Haddam-Killingworth High School; Donna Hayward, Athletic Director; Lynne Flint, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Pamela Hensel; student, and student's parents.

At 10:45 a.m., Ms. Heather Pach **MOVED**, and Ms. Jennifer Voegtli **SECONDED** the Board of Education enter Executive Session for discussion of a confidential student matter. *Motion passed unanimously. The Board invited all in attendance to join them in Executive Session.*

At 11:40 a.m. Ms. Heather Pach **MOVED** and Ms. Jennifer Voegtli **SECONDED** a motion the Board return to public session. *Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.*

At 11:43 a.m. Ms. Heather Pach **MOVED** and Ms. Jennifer Voegtli **SECONDED** that the Regional School District No.17 Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that on 5/9/24 student 052224 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 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 and all school activities on June 10, 2024.

1. *Drug and alcohol counseling between now and return.*
2. *Mandatory drug testing.*
3. *Outside counseling continues through graduation.*
4. *Mandatory meeting with a tutor between now and return on June 10, 2024.*

The student must attend all tutoring sessions and exams.

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 by a show of hands.*

At 11.:45 a.m. Lisa Connelly adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Hensel
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Approval:

Kathy Zandi, Secretary

Date