

MOTION made by Mr. Little, seconded by Mrs. Jasey, that the Board of Education move to Closed Session for the purpose of discussion regarding the long-term suspension of Student District ID No.05PN for assaulting a teacher at Columbia High School. Motion unanimously approved at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Payne-Parrish arrived at 7:45 p.m. during Closed Session, at which time Mr. Bennett left the meeting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Jasey seconded by Mr. Eastman, that the Board of Education reconvene in Public Session. Motion unanimously approved at 8:16 p.m.

MOTION made by Mr. Little, seconded by Mrs. Jasey, that the Board of Education approve Resolution 2173, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following:

WHEREAS, student District ID No. 05PN has been duly noticed and afforded the opportunity to participate in a hearing before the Board of Education on November 1, 2006, and has been afforded certain due process rights; and

WHEREAS, the student's parent has been advised of the right to appeal the Board's decision to the Commissioner of Education; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully evaluated the testimony and evidence and has made appropriate findings of fact that the student's behavior constitutes good cause for further discipline; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the student engaged in prohibited conduct on September 20, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Student District ID No. 05PN shall be permanently expelled, effective immediately, from the South Orange-Maplewood School District. Said student shall be provided with home

instruction pending his/her enrollment in a suitable alternative educational program at district expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said student is excluded from participating in all Columbia High School extracurricular/school activities and is not permitted on any school property or at any school function without prior approval of the Superintendent.

ROLL CALL: Motion to approve Resolution 2173 passed; 5 yes; 0 no.

MOTION made by Mrs. Jasey, seconded by Dr. Payne-Parrish, to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

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James Memoli, Assistant Superintendent