

Seymour Public Schools

Seymour Board of Education

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2025

Central Office Conference Room

5:30 pm



Members Present: Ed Strumello
Jim Garofolo
Lori Nespoli

Others Present: Attorney Herbert Rosen
Dr. Susan Compton
David Olechna
Jake Velleco
Shannon Levey
Parents of the student
Grandmother of the student

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order at 5:26 PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions of those in attendance were made.

Mr. Strumello made the opening statement. I will now call to order a special meeting of the Expulsion Subcommittee of the Seymour Board of Education, which is called for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing. It is the intention of the Board to conduct the expulsion hearing in Executive Session, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the public meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, since the personally identifiable information and records of the student who is the subject of the expulsion hearing are likely to be discussed. I will now entertain a motion to enter the Executive Session.

MOTION: (Jim Garofolo / Lori Nespoli) I move that the Expulsion Subcommittee of the Board of Education enter executive session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which matters of personal privacy of the student involved are likely to be discussed. Further, I move that the following persons are to be invited into Executive Session to assist in either giving testimony or evidence, or representing the various parties to the proceeding: members of the board, Dr. Compton, Attorney Rosen, Mr. Olechna, Mr. Velleco, Ms. Levey, and the parents and grandmother of the student.

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Strumello, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Nespoli

PASSED: 3-0-0

II. STUDENT EXPULSION

A. To consider and act upon the recommendation from the administration regarding student expulsion.

MOTION: (Lori Nespoli / Jim Garofolo) I move that the student about whom the expulsion hearing was conducted on October 27, 2025 at 5:30 PM is to be expelled, effective immediately, until June 10, 2026. During the term of her expulsion the student shall be provided with an alternative education opportunity. If, in the judgement of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Susan Compton, the student has actively and cooperatively participated in her alternative education program, and if the student complies with the requirements outlined

in Dr. Compton's recommendations dated October 27, 2025 the student may be re-enrolled in the regular school program on probationary basis on January 5, 2026. Under the terms of her probation, if the student commits any offense which otherwise would be punishable by either an in-school or out-of-school suspension, her expulsion will resume immediately and will continue until June 10, 2026. I further move to authorize the Board counsel to prepare a written decision consistent with these findings to be entered into the record of this matter and provided to the parents and student.

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Strumello, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Nespoli

PASSED: 3-0-0

Attorney Rosen reviewed and confirmed the expulsion terms, conditions, and applicable dates.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

B. Superintendent's Report

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM

Prepared by Shannon Levey,
Board Clerk / Executive Administrative Assistant