

Seymour Public Schools

Seymour Board of Education

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2026

Central Office Conference Room

4:30 pm



Members Present: Pete Kubik
Lori Nespoli
Jim Garofolo

Others Present: Attorney Herbert Rosen
Attorney Alessandra Pellegrino Pulit
Attorney Melanie Dunn
Dr. Susan Compton
Keith O'Rourke
Ernie DiStasi
Shannon Levey, Board Clerk
Student
Mother of Student

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kubik called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions of those in attendance were made.

Mr. Kubik 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: (Pete Kubik / 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. Kubik, 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: (Pete Kubik / Jim Garofolo) I move that the student about whom the expulsion hearing was conducted on January 6, 2026 at 4:30 PM is to be expelled, effectively immediately, until November 23, 2026. During the term of his expulsion the student shall be provided with an alternative learning education opportunity as designed by a planning and placement team. If, in the judgment of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Susan Compton, the student has actively and cooperatively participated in his alternative education program, and if the student complies with the requirements discussed during Executive Session, the student may be re-enrolled in the regular school program on a probationary basis on August 26, 2026. Under the terms of his probation, if the student commits any offense which otherwise would be punishable by either an in-school or out-of-school suspension, his expulsion will resume immediately and will continue until November 23, 2026. I further move to authorize 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 students.

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

PASSED: 3-0-0

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairman's Report
- B. Superintendent's Report

V. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Prepared by Shannon Levey, Board Clerk