Seymour Public Schools

Seymour Board of Education
SPECIAL MEETING NOTES
May 20, 2026
Central Office Conference Room
2:00 pm

Members Present:	Edward Strumello Jim Garofolo Lori Nespoli
Others Present:	Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent Attorney Alessandra Pulit Keith O'Rourke, Principal Parent of Student Student's Clinician Shannon Levey, Board Clerk

I. **CALL TO ORDER –** Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 2:27 PM

Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order at 2:27 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: (Lori Nespoli / Jim Garofolo) 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. Susan Compton, Keith O'Rourke, Shannon Levey, the student who is subject to the expulsion proceedings, Attorney Alessandra P. Pulit, Parent of the student subject to the expulsion proceedings and the Clinician of the student subject to the expulsion proceedings.
AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Strumello, Mr. Garofalo, Ms. Nespoli
PASSED: 3-0-0

Entered Executive Session at 2:30 PM

II. **STUDENT EXPULSION**

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

MOTION: (Jim Garofolo, Ed Strumello) I move that the student about whom the expulsion hearing was conducted on May 20, 2026 at 2:00 PM is to be expelled, effectively immediately, until May 10, 2027. During the term of her 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 her 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 January 11, 2027. 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 May 10, 2027. 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. Strumello, Mr. Garofolo
OPPOSED: Ms. Nespoli

PASSED: 2-1-0

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

B. Superintendent's Report

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM

Prepared by Shannon Levey, Board Clerk