

**Special Meeting
Stafford Board of Education
Stafford Elementary School, Room 120
April 11, 2016, 5:15 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Mr. Scott Gallison
Mr. Jeff Roberts, arrived at 5:26 p.m.
Ms. Sonya Shegogue
Mrs. Tracy Rummel, Chairperson
Mrs. Kathy Walsh

Absent: Mr. Peter Kovaleski
Mrs. Andrea Locke

Also Present: Dr. Patricia A. Collin, Superintendent of Schools
Trooper Hogan, Connecticut State Police
Atty. Peter Janus, Counsel for the Board of Education
Mr. Marco Pelliccia, Principal, Stafford High School
Mother of Student E
Student E

Item I. Call to Order- Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 5:23 p.m. A quorum was established.

Item II. Executive Session

- a. **Board Inquiry into the Continued Enrollment and Attendance of Student E**
- b. **Board Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation or Motion Regarding the Expulsion of Student E from Stafford High School Pursuant to CGS 10-233d**

Mr. Gallison made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shegogue, that the Board enter executive session to discuss material that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-200(6)(E), subsection (b) of Section 1-210, specifically, personnel, student or medical and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of privacy, and / or names and addresses of students enrolled in public school. Only those invited by the Board may be present in the executive session. Mr. Gallison, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 5:24 p.m.

The Board invited the following individuals into the executive session:

Dr. Patricia A. Collin, Superintendent of Schools
Trooper Hogan, Connecticut State Police
Attorney Peter A. Janus, Counsel for the Board of Education
Mr. Marco Pelliccia, Principal, Stafford High School
Mother of Student E
Student E

Mrs. Christine Marinelli, Recording Secretary

The Board took a recess at 5:44 p.m. All invited individuals left the meeting room, with the exception of Attorney Janus. All invited individuals returned to the boardroom at 5:50 p.m.

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to return to regular session. Mr. Gallison, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 5:51 p.m.

Mr. Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gallison, that based on the evidence and testimony received after a due process hearing, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that based on the evidence and testimony received after a due process hearing, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that culminating on or about February 23, 2016, Student E committed an expellable offense, namely that Student E was involved in the theft of a firearm, receiving stolen property and possession of a firearm off school grounds; Student E violated the Board of Education's Policy 5114 (a)-(p), Board Policy 5131.7 (a)-(b), Board Policy 5131.8 (a)-(b), and the disciplinary guidelines as outlined in the Stafford High School 2015 – 2016 Student – Parent Handbook; and it being the further finding of the Stafford Board of Education that such action constitutes conduct which is detrimental and an endangerment to the health, safety and welfare of other students, that such conduct is seriously disruptive of the educational process and that such conduct also violates a publicized policy of the Stafford Board of Education. Mr. Gallison, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shegogue, to enter executive session. Mr. Gallison, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 5:54 p.m.

The Board took a recess at 6:04 p.m. All invited individuals left the meeting room, with the exception of Attorney Janus. All invited individuals, except Trooper Hogan, returned to the boardroom at 6:21 p.m.

Mrs. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shegogue, to return to regular session. Mr. Gallison, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 6:22 p.m.

Mr. Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gallison, that based on the previous decision of the Stafford Board of Education that Student E had committed an expellable offense, and based upon the evidence and testimony received as to the length of any expulsion to be imposed for the offense by Student E, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that Student E shall be expelled from the Stafford Public Schools from any and all school privileges and premises, and all school-sponsored activities for disciplinary reasons, effective immediately, for a period of one calendar year through April 11, 2017.

Moved further that the Administration provide Student E with an alternative educational opportunity during the expulsion period, consistent with the child's educational needs as determined by the planning and placement team.

Mr. Gallison, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried.

Item III. Adjournment

Mr. Gallison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to adjourn. Mr. Gallison, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Marinelli, Recording Secretary

Tracy L. Rummel, Chairperson

Sonya Shegogue, Secretary

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