

**Special Meeting
Stafford Board of Education
Stafford Elementary School Library
June 2, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Mr. Tony Frassinelli
Mr. Earl Goodell
Mrs. Tracy Rummel, Chairperson
Ms. Sonya Shegogue, Secretary

Absent: Mr. Peter Kovaleski
Mrs. Andrea Locke
Mrs. Kathy Walsh

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

Item I. Call to Order- Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 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**

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goodell, 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. Frassinelli, Mr. Goodell and Ms. Shegogue voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 6:09 p.m.

The Board invited the following individuals into the executive session:

Dr. Patricia A. Collin, Superintendent of Schools
Attorney Peter A. Janus, Counsel for the Board of Education
Mr. Marco Pelliccia, Principal, Stafford High School
Mother of Student E
Family Friend
Student E

Mrs. Christine Marinelli, Recording Secretary

The Board took a recess at 6:30 p.m.

All invited individuals returned to the boardroom at 6:34 p.m.

Mr. Frassinelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shegogue, to return to regular session. Mr. Frassinelli, Mr. Goodell and Ms. Shegogue voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 6:35 p.m.

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Frassinelli, that based on the evidence and testimony received after a due process hearing, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that on or about May 19, 2015, Student E committed an expellable offense, namely that Student E was in possession of marijuana on school grounds during the school day; Student E was in possession of drug paraphernalia on school grounds during the school day; and Student E violated the Board of Education's Policy 5114 (a)-(m), Board Policy 5131.6 (a)-(f) and Regulation 5131.6 (a)-(f), and the disciplinary guidelines as outlined in the Stafford High School 2014-2015 Student-Parent Handbook. It is 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. Frassinelli, Mr. Goodell and Ms. Shegogue voted for the motion, which carried.

Mr. Frassinelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goodell, to enter executive session. Mr. Frassinelli, Mr. Goodell and Ms. Shegogue voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 6:37 p.m.

The Board took a recess at 6:56 p.m.

All invited individuals returned to the boardroom at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Goodell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Frassinelli, to return to regular session. Mr. Frassinelli, Mr. Goodell and Ms. Shegogue voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 7:06 p.m.

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Frassinelli, that based on the previous decision of the Stafford Board of Education that Student E 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.

Moved further that the Administration provide Student E with an alternative educational opportunity during the expulsion period, provided there are no unexcused absences.

Mr. Frassinelli, Mr. Goodell and Ms. Shegogue voted for the motion, which carried.

Item III. Review and Possible Approval of Athletic Trainer Contract

Dr. Collin reported that CIAC strongly recommends having a certified Athletic Trainer for all athletic contests, as does the Connecticut Concussion Task Force. For a number of years the district entered into a service

agreement with the Stafford Ambulance Association (SAA) for medical coverage at athletic events. SAA staff is qualified only to address post injury scenarios, not preventive measures such as taping or bracing.

Dr. Collin said that in order to better meet the needs of our students during the 2013-2014 school year, Mr. Damian Frassinelli, Director of Athletics & Recreation, had elicited proposals for Athletic Trainer Services. Ultimately, the Board of Education approved the contract with Johnson Memorial Medical Center (JMMC), which was not only the lowest bidder, but also the vendor whose level of services surpassed that of the other bidders.

Dr. Collin provided the Board members with a description of JMMC's Athletic Training Program and Services via the portal. She said that as Director of Athletics and Recreation, Mr. Frassinelli maintains a consistent level of communication with the on-site Athletic Trainer and serves as liaison between the hospital and the district regarding injuries, follow up and routine athlete care. The relationship between JMMC and Stafford Public Schools has been a win-win situation.

Dr. Collin stated that the contract for the 2015-2016 school year, which was also provided via the portal for the Board's review, is for a total of \$24,000. She said that this amount reflects a 0% increase over the amount charged in 14-15 and is comparable to what other districts are charged for these services. With the most recent budget reductions approved by the Board of Education on May 18th, she said that the district currently has budgeted \$24,000 for these services.

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Frassinelli, that the Board of Education approve the service agreement with Johnson Memorial Medical Center, Inc. for Athletic Trainer coverage at all varsity games and scrimmages, per CIAC recommendation, for the 2015-2016 school year. Moved further that the Board of Education authorize Dr. Patricia A. Collin, Superintendent of Schools, to sign the service agreement with Johnson Memorial Medical Center, Inc., on behalf of the entire Board of Education, for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Frassinelli, Mr. Goodell and Ms. Shegogue voted for the motion, which carried.

Item IV. Acceptance of 3M Donation

Dr. Collin stated that as indicated in a memorandum dated May 19, 2015, Mr. Michael Bednarz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, has been notified that Stafford Public Schools is the recipient of 40 boxes of 3M products, which include the following: assorted post-it notes, cleaning supplies, office supplies (such as tape, tape dispensers and shipping/address labels) and thermal laminators.

She said that Stafford Public Schools has received gifts through the 3M Community Giving Program in the past. For example, the corporation has donated 25 3M Close Projection Systems (valued at \$40,000) in 2011; two Science teacher scholarships (valued at \$5,000 each) in 2012; 100 Shoot 'n Share camcorder projectors (valued at \$29,900) in 2012; two Shoot 'n Share camcorder projectors and a variety of office supplies (approximate value \$6,419) in 2013; and funds for a STEM project through an Ingenuity Grant (\$25,000) in 2014.

Dr. Collin noted that according to Stafford Board of Education Policy #3280, *the Board of Education may accept on behalf of and for the schools any bequest or gift of money or property for a purpose deemed by the Board of Education to be suitable, and to utilize such money or property so designated. . . . All gifts shall be accepted for the school district as a whole, and not for a particular school. At the discretion of the Superintendent, the gift may be used in a particular school.* Upon acceptance of the generous gifts, Mr. Bednarz will send a letter of appreciation to 3M on its behalf, and the products will be distributed to each school and to the Instructional Technology and Building Services departments, as warranted.

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Frassinelli, that the Board accept the gifts from 3M Corporation, as presented. Mr. Frassinelli, Mr. Goodell and Ms. Shegogue voted for the motion, which carried.

Item V. Adjournment

Mr. Frassinelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goodell, to adjourn. Mr. Frassinelli, Mr. Goodell and Ms. Shegogue voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Marinelli, Recording Secretary

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Tracy L. Rummel, Chairperson**

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Sonya Shegogue, Secretary**

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