

**Special Meeting
Stafford Board of Education
Stafford Elementary School Library
March 30, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Mr. Tony Frassinelli
Mr. Peter Kovaleski
Mrs. Andrea Locke
Mrs. Tracy Rummel, Chairperson
Mrs. Kathy Walsh

Absent: Mr. Earl Goodell
Ms. Sonya Shegogue, Secretary

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 B
Grandmother of Student B
Sister of Student B
Student B

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 B**
- b. **Board Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation or Motion Regarding the Expulsion of Student B from Stafford High School Pursuant to CGS 10-233d**

Item III. Action by the Board in Response to the Superintendent's Recommendation or Motion Regarding the Expulsion of Student B

Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kovaleski, 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, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski and Mrs. Walsh 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 B
Grandmother of Student B
Sister of Student B
Student B
Mrs. Christine Marinelli, Recording Secretary

The Board took a recess at 6:31 p.m.
All invited individuals returned to the boardroom at 6:35 p.m.

Mrs. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kovaleski, to return to regular session. Mr. Frassinelli, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 6:36 p.m.

Mrs. Locke 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 March 11, 2015, Student B committed an expellable offense, namely that Student B wrote and taped a bomb threat on the bathroom wall at Stafford High School; and Student B violated the Board of Education's Policy 5114 (a)-(m), and the disciplinary guidelines as outlined in the Stafford High School 2014-2015 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. Frassinelli, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried.

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

The Board took a recess at 6:47 p.m.
All invited individuals returned to the boardroom at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kovaleski, to return to regular session. Mr. Frassinelli, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 7:01 p.m.

Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Frassinelli, that based on the previous decision of the Stafford Board of Education that Student B 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 B, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that Student B 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 B with an alternative educational opportunity during the expulsion period, consistent with such child's educational needs, as determined by the Planning and Placement Team, and to provide continued counseling to Student B, consistent with Student B's Individualized Education Program.

Mr. Frassinelli, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried.

Item IV. Adjournment

Mr. Frassinelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kovaleski, to adjourn. Mr. Frassinelli, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Marinelli, Recording Secretary

Tracy L. Rummel, Chairperson

Sonya Shegogue, Secretary

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