

**Special Meeting  
Stafford Board of Education  
Pinney Administration Building  
June 12, 2014, 7:45 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Earl Goodell  
Mr. Peter Kovaleski  
Mrs. Andrea Locke  
Mrs. Tracy Rummel, Chairperson  
Ms. Sonya Shegogue, Secretary  
Mrs. Kathy Walsh

**Absent:** Mr. Tony Frassinelli

**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 C  
Father of Student C  
Student C

**Item I. Call to Order- Establishment of Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 p.m. A quorum was established.

**Item II. Executive Session**

- a. **Board Inquiry into the Continued Enrollment and Attendance of Student C**
- b. **Board Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation or Motion Regarding the Expulsion of Student C 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 C**

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Locke, 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. Goodell, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 7:49 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 and Father of Student C  
Student C  
Mrs. Christine Marinelli, Recording Secretary

The Board took a recess at 8:20 p.m.  
All invited individuals returned to the boardroom at 8:31 p.m.

Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kovaleski, to return to regular session. Mr. Goodell, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:32 p.m.

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, 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 30, 2014, Student C committed an expellable offense, namely that Student C was in possession of a knife on school grounds during the school day; Student C was in possession of marijuana on school grounds during the school day; Student C was in possession of chewing tobacco on school grounds during the school day; Student C was in possession of two electronic cigarettes on school grounds during the school day; and Student C violated the Board of Education's Policy 5114 (a)-(m), Board Policy 5131.6 (a)-(f) and accompanying regulation (a)-(f), Board Policy 5131.7 (a)-(b), and the disciplinary guidelines as outlined in the Stafford High School 2013-2014 Student Agenda. 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. Goodell, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goodell, to enter executive session. Mr. Goodell, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:34 p.m.

The Board took a recess at 8:47 p.m.  
All invited individuals returned to the boardroom at 9:17 p.m.

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kovaleski, to return to regular session. Mr. Goodell, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 9:18 p.m.

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, that based on the previous decision of the Stafford Board of Education that Student C 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 C, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that Student C 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 until the start of the fourth marking term in April 2015.

However, Student C may apply for early readmission to school at the beginning of the second semester of the 2014 – 2015 school year (on or about January 26, 2015), by submitting an application to the Superintendent of Schools by November 30, 2014, for consideration by the Board of Education no later than at its scheduled meeting on or about December 8, 2014. The Board will condition Student C's readmission on satisfactory performance in tutoring with no unexcused absences; maintaining a satisfactory academic record; attending counseling sessions as scheduled by the School Psychologist or School Social Worker to deal with coping

skills and decision making (or the parents may elect to provide Student C with counseling from their own selected provider, verification of which they will forward to the Superintendent); completion of two hundred (200) hours of community service in Stafford or elsewhere; required reading of a person who was negatively impacted by drug or alcohol abuse; and submission of a 400 word essay to include a reflection on the recent incident, which resulted in Student C's expulsion, what Student C learned from the story, and how both will impact Student C's life. If Student C is granted early readmission and subsequently commits a violation of the Board of Education's policies and regulations warranting suspension or expulsion, then the original period of this expulsion shall be reinstated without further hearings.

Moved further that the Administration provide Student C with an alternative educational opportunity during the expulsion period.

Mr. Goodell, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried.

Attorney Janus, Mr. Pelliccia and Mrs. Marinelli left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kovaleski, to enter executive session. Mr. Goodell, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 9:25 p.m.

Ms. Shegogue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kovaleski, to return to regular session. Mr. Goodell, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 9:52 p.m.

**Item IV. Review and Possible Approval of 2014 – 2015 Non-Affiliated Salaries (Executive Session Anticipated)**

Mr. Kovaleski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, that the Board approve the non-affiliated salaries as proposed by the Superintendent. Mr. Goodell, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried.

**Item V. Superintendent's Evaluation (Executive Session Anticipated)**

No action was taken on this item.

**Item VI. Adjournment**

Mr. Kovaleski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Locke, to adjourn. Mr. Goodell, Mrs. Locke, Mr. Kovaleski, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Christine C. Marinelli, Recording Secretary**

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**Tracy L. Rummel, Chairperson**

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**Sonya Shegogue, Secretary**