

The Board of Education

Town of Vernon

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April 5, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING EXPULSION HEARING

A Vernon Board of Education Special Meeting – Expulsion Hearing was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

The record of the expulsion hearing minutes is limited to the motion in regard to the disciplinary decision in order to protect the privacy of the individual. An audio tape will be retained in the Central Office of the Vernon Board of Education.

Mrs. Fischer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mrs. Fischer, Dr. Buxton, Mr. Grabowski, Mr. Linton and Ms. Colt. Mr. Kalina, Mr. Thrall, Ms. Wintress and Mrs. Rodriguez were unable to attend.

Administration Present: Dr. Joseph Macary, Superintendent, Mr. Jason Magao, Principal of Rockville High School and Mrs. Diane Ritchotte, Recorder.

Board's Attorney: Attorney Frederick Dorsey

Also Present: SRO Allison Lawrence

Parents and Student did not attend.

MOTION: Mr. Linton moved to go into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, inviting Administration, Officer Lawrence and Attorney Dorsey.

SECOND: Dr. Buxton

VOTE: Unanimous

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Colt moved that, pursuant to Connecticut Gen. Statutes Section 10-233d, the Vernon Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Rockville High School for the period from April 5, 2023, through and including April 4, 2024, for the reasons presented by the Administration in this hearing.

Further, the Board directs the Administration to establish and offer an alternative educational opportunity to the student for the period of this expulsion, pursuant to Connecticut Gen. Statutes 10-233d(d) and in compliance with State Department of Education regulations.

The Board further directs the Administration, pursuant to Connecticut Gen. Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on the student's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if the student graduates from high school, or as in accordance with the Board's then-existing policies and/or State law.

Finally, the Board authorizes Board Chair Anne Fischer and Attorney Frederick Dorsey to communicate in writing to the student and/or his/her parents/guardians/attorney, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

SECOND: Mr. Linton
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: Mr. Linton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
SECOND: Ms. Colt
VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Buxton, Board Secretary