

The Board of Education Town of Vernon

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December 1, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING EXPULSION HEARING #2

A Vernon Board of Education Special Meeting – Expulsion Hearing was held on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

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 6:54 p.m.

Board members present: Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Thrall, Dr. Buxton, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Rodriguez, Mr. Linton, Mr. Kalina and Ms. Colt.

Administration Present: Dr. Joseph Macary, Superintendent and Mrs. Diane Ritchotte, Recorder.

Board's Attorney: Attorney Frederick Dorsey

Parents and Student did not attend.

MOTION: Dr. Buxton moved to go into Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, inviting Administration and Attorney Dorsey.
SECOND: Mr. Linton
VOTE: Unanimous

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION: Mrs. Rodriguez 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 December 1, 2022, through and including September 21, 2023, for the reasons presented by the Administration in this hearing.

Further, the Board directs the Administration to offer an alternative educational opportunity to the student for the period of this expulsion, pursuant to Connecticut Gen. Statutes 10-233d(d).

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission of the student on or after the first day of the Vernon 2023 – 24 school year, if the student meets the conditions expressed by the Superintendent in executive session. If these conditions are not met during the probationary period, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the remaining term of the student's expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board.

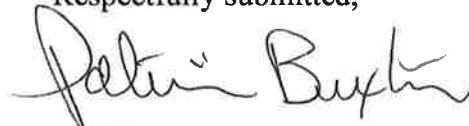
The Board further directs the Administration, pursuant to Connecticut Gen. Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on the student's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if the student graduates from high school.

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

SECOND: Mr. Kalina
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.
SECOND: Ms. Colt
VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Buxton, Board Secretary