

The Board of Education Town of Vernon

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February 21, 2024

APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING EXPULSION HEARING

A Vernon Board of Education Special Meeting – Expulsion Hearing was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

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.

Mr. Grabowski, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. Grabowski, Dr. Buxton, Ms. Sewell, Ms. Nucci and Mr. Bedlack. Ms. Wintress, Ms. Colt. Mr. Thrall and Mrs. Jablonecki were unable to attend.

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

Board's Counsel Present: Attorney Fred Dorsey

Administration's Counsel Present: Attorney Chris Chinni

Also Present: Officer James Platosh

Parents and Student were not in attendance at the start of the hearing.

MOTION: Dr. Buxton moved for the Board to go into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, inviting Administration, Officer Platosh, Attorney Chinni and Attorney Dorsey.

SECOND: Mr. Bedlack

VOTE: Unanimous

During Executive Session, Parent (father), student and his younger brother arrived at 6:40 pm.

MOTION: Dr. Buxton moved to invite the parent (father), student and his younger brother to join the executive session of the expulsion hearing.
SECOND: Mr. Bedlack
VOTE: Unanimous

The parent stated he was unaware of this meeting taking place this evening. Board Counsel explained that it was his right to request a continuance of this hearing should he want one. He requested a continuance.

The Board went into deliberation to discuss the continuance request.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

Board Counsel Mr. Dorsey announced that a continuance of the expulsion hearing will take place on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM. The parent has signed the continuance agreement and has been advised that he may bring legal counsel. The agreement also states that if the parent and student do not show up at the continuance hearing, the expulsion hearing will proceed without them.

MOTION: Mr. Bedlack moved at 7:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM
SECOND: Dr. Buxton
VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Colt, Board Secretary