

LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2012

A special meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Litchfield High School Library/Media Center.

Present were: Mr. Simone, Chairperson; Ms. Rosser; Messrs. Bongiorno and Katzin. Ms. Carr was absent.

Also present were: Dr. Wheeler; Ms. Della Volpe and Ms. Kubisek.

MOTION made by Mr. Katzin and seconded by Mr. Bongiorno: to go into executive session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a student disciplinary matter and confidential student records protected by law. Dr. Wheeler, Ms. Della Volpe and Ms. Kubisek were invited to attend.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Open session resumed at 6:55 p.m.

MOTION made by Mr. Katzin and seconded by Mr. Bongiorno: move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, Litchfield Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Litchfield High School for the period from October 18, 2011 until October 17, 2012 for the reasons presented by the Administration in this hearing and the terms of the Stipulated Agreement.

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

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission at the start of the third marking period, on or about January 25, 2012, if the student meets the conditions established in the Stipulated Agreement as determined by the Superintendent.

If readmitted early, the student will be on probation for the remainder of the period of the original expulsion. If the Administration determines, in its sole discretion, that the student has failed to satisfy the conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement or has committed any suspendable or expellable offense during the expulsion period, the probationary period shall cease and the Administration shall reinstate the student's expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion term.

The Board further directs the Administration, pursuant to Connecticut General 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 Deborah S. Wheeler, Ed.D. and Attorney Frederick L. Dorsey to communicate in writing to the student and/or his/her parents, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

MOTION failed. No votes were in the affirmative. All votes were in the negative.

MOTION made by Mr. Katzin and seconded by Mr. Bongiorno: to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah S. Wheeler, Recording Secretary