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LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
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A special meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at the Central Office Conference Room.

Present were: Ms. Fabbri; Mr. Falcetti, Mr. Katzin, Mr. Waugh and Ms. Carr (at 6:34 p.m.).

Also present was: Dr. Wheeler.

MOTION made by Ms. Fabbri and seconded by Mr. Waugh: to go into executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss student disciplinary matters and confidential student records protected by law. Dr. Wheeler was invited to attend.

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

Return to public session at 6:46 p.m.

MOTION made by Mr. Katzin and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: MOVED, based on the evidence in the record, that **Student A** be expelled for a period of one calendar year, effective October 9, 2013 and continuing through October 8, 2014, based on **Student A's** conduct of offering for sale or distribution a controlled substance, violating a publicized policy of the Board of Education and was seriously disruptive of the educational process on school grounds on or about October 8, 2013, subject to the following conditions:

- a) During the period of expulsion, the Board will provide **Student A** with an alternative educational opportunity that is deemed appropriate by the Administration, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-233d of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- b) During the period of expulsion, **Student A** will not be permitted to be on school grounds and will not be permitted to attend or participate in any school-sponsored activities, without the express prior consent of the Superintendent.
- c) **Student A** will be permitted the opportunity for early readmission on a probationary status, at the start of the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year on or about January 28, 2014, if the Superintendent, in her sole discretion, determines that **Student A** has satisfactorily participated in the alternative educational program provided by the district in accordance with applicable statutes, as outlined above; avoids arrest in the community; with a report to the Superintendent that indicates that **Student A** has no issues that would preclude a safe return to school; meets with the High School

Principal prior to the date for early readmission to demonstrate that all conditions have been met; and complies with all board policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct. Determination of satisfactory participation in the alternative educational program will be at the sole discretion of the Superintendent. Expectations include attaining acceptable grades in all courses; excellent attendance; completing all homework assignments; completing all assignments and projects within the prescribed timeframe; cooperating with tutors; and the absence of any serious disciplinary infractions.

- d) If readmitted early, **Student A** will be on probation for the remainder of the expulsion period. During the expulsion and/or probationary period **Student A** must:
- i. Maintain passing grades.
 - ii. Complete homework, assignments and projects in the timeframe established by teachers and/or tutors.
 - iii. Maintain excellent attendance.
 - iv. Avoid any serious disciplinary incident that would result in an out of school suspension, as determined by the Superintendent.
 - v. Avoid any action that results in arrest.

If the **Student A** violates any of the conditions of this Agreement, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the remaining term of the expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board.

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

MOTION made by Ms. Fabbri and seconded by Ms. Carr: to go into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss student disciplinary matters and confidential student records protected by law. Dr. Wheeler was invited to attend.

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

Return to public session at 7:10 p.m.

MOTION made by Mr. Waugh and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: MOVED, based on the evidence in the record, that **Student B** be expelled for a period of one calendar year, effective October 9, 2013 and continuing through October 8, 2014, based on **Student B's** conduct of

offering for sale or distribution a controlled substance, violating a publicized policy of the Board of Education and was seriously disruptive of the educational process on school grounds on or about October 4, 2013, subject to the following conditions:

- e) During the period of expulsion, the Board will provide **Student B** with an alternative educational opportunity that is deemed appropriate by the Administration, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-233d of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- f) During the period of expulsion, **Student B** will not be permitted to be on school grounds and will not be permitted to attend or participate in any school-sponsored activities, without the express prior consent of the Superintendent.
- g) **Student B** will be permitted the opportunity for early readmission on a probationary status, at the start of the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year on or about January 28, 2014, if the Superintendent, in her sole discretion, determines that **Student B** has satisfactorily participated in the alternative educational program provided by the district in accordance with applicable statutes, as outlined above; avoids arrest in the community; with a report to the Superintendent that indicates that **Student B** has no issues that would preclude a safe return to school; meets with the High School Principal prior to the date for early readmission to demonstrate that all conditions have been met; and complies with all board policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct. The Principal will work with the family to determine in which setting **Student B** will take exams in January. Determination of satisfactory participation in the alternative educational program will be at the sole discretion of the Superintendent. Expectations include attaining acceptable grades in all courses; excellent attendance; completing all homework assignments; completing all assignments and projects within the prescribed timeframe; cooperating with tutors; and the absence of any serious disciplinary infractions.
- h) If readmitted early, **Student B** will be on probation for the remainder of the expulsion period. During the expulsion and/or probationary period **Student B** must:
 - vi. Maintain passing grades.
 - vii. Complete homework, assignments and projects in the timeframe established by teachers and/or tutors.
 - viii. Maintain excellent attendance.
 - ix. Avoid any serious disciplinary incident that would result in an out of school suspension, as determined by the Superintendent.

- x. Avoid any action that results in arrest.

If **Student B** violates any of the conditions of this Agreement, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the remaining term of the expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. Ms. Carr abstained.

MOTION made by Ms. Fabbri and seconded by Ms. Carr: to go into executive session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss student disciplinary matters and confidential student records protected by law. Dr. Wheeler was invited to attend.

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

Return to public session at 7:23 p.m.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: MOVED, based on the evidence in the record, that **Student C** be expelled for a period of one calendar year, effective October 9, 2013 and continuing through October 8, 2014, based on **Student C's** conduct of offering for sale or distribution a controlled substance, violating a publicized policy of the Board of Education and was seriously disruptive of the educational process on school grounds on or about October 8, 2013, subject to the following conditions:

- i) During the period of expulsion, the Board will provide **Student C** with an alternative educational opportunity that is deemed appropriate by the Administration, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-233d of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- j) During the period of expulsion, **Student C** will not be permitted to be on school grounds and will not be permitted to attend or participate in any school-sponsored activities, without the express prior consent of the Superintendent.
- k) During the period of expulsion, the student will meet as scheduled with a school counselor. The need for continue counseling will be by determination of the counselor. Verification of on-going counseling or the determination that further counseling is no longer needed will be provided in writing from the counselor to the Superintendent.
- l) **Student C** will be permitted the opportunity for early readmission on a probationary status, at the start of the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year on or about January 28, 2014, if the Superintendent, in her sole discretion, determines that **Student C** has satisfactorily participated in the alternative educational program provided by the

district in accordance with applicable statutes, as outlined above; avoids arrest in the community; with a report to the Superintendent that indicates that **Student C** has no issues that would preclude a safe return to school; meets with the High School Principal prior to the date for early readmission to demonstrate that all conditions have been met; and complies with all board policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct. Determination of satisfactory participation in the alternative educational program will be at the sole discretion of the Superintendent. Expectations include attaining acceptable grades in all courses; excellent attendance; completing all homework assignments; completing all assignments and projects within the prescribed timeframe; cooperating with tutors; and the absence of any serious disciplinary infractions.

m) If readmitted early, **Student C** will be on probation for the remainder of the expulsion period. During the expulsion and/or probationary period **Student C** must:

- xi. Maintain passing grades.
- xii. Complete homework, assignments and projects in the timeframe established by teachers and/or tutors.
- xiii. Maintain excellent attendance.
- xiv. Avoid any serious disciplinary incident that would result in an out of school suspension, as determined by the Superintendent.
- xv. Avoid any action that results in arrest.

If the **Student C** violates any of the conditions of this Agreement, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the remaining term of the expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board.

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

MOTION made by Ms. Fabbri and seconded by Ms. Carr: to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Falcetti, Secretary