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PRESENT:

Hearing Officer: Attorney Michael P. McKeon

Others Present: Dr. Stephen Tracy, Dr. Christopher Longo, Ms. Kerri Adakonis, Attorney Daniel P. Murphy, the student who was the subject of the hearing, the student's parents, and the student's grandmother.

At the May 21, 2019 special meeting that was called for the purpose of holding a student expulsion hearing, a hearing officer appointed by and serving on behalf of the New Milford Board of Education took the following actions.

Attorney McKeon called the hearing to order at 2:05 p.m. and immediately moved into executive session as personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the hearing was likely to be discussed.

The hearing returned to public session at 4:15 p.m., at which time, Attorney McKeon made the following motion and decision on behalf of the Board:

I hereby move on behalf of the New Milford Board of Education that the Board adopt the findings of fact discussed in Executive Session regarding the student who was the subject of the expulsion hearing.

I further move that as a consequence of the factual findings adopted on behalf of the Board of Education, that the student who was the subject of this expulsion hearing be expelled from the New Milford Public Schools and from all school-sponsored activities, either curricular or extracurricular, either on school grounds or at another location, up through the last day of the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year, effective retroactively to May 8, 2019, and that the student shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity determined by the Superintendent of Schools in conjunction with the student's Section 504 Team during the period of expulsion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the student may apply to be readmitted at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year if the student satisfies the following conditions: 1) full and adequate participation in any offered alternative educational opportunity, including but not limited to no unexcused absences; and 2) no violations of the law or conduct that would constitute grounds for suspension or expulsion under publicized Board policies. The determination as to whether the student has met these conditions shall be at the sole discretion of the Superintendent of Schools with the stipulation that if the student is readmitted early, the student must continue to meet condition 2 as set forth above, and if the student fails to meet this condition upon readmission, the Superintendent may reinstate any unserved period of expulsion without a hearing or may otherwise commence new disciplinary proceedings.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Tracy
Interim Superintendent
New Milford Public Schools