

# **New Milford Board of Education**

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## **PLEASE POST**

October 15, 2013

There will be a special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education at 6:30 on the evening of Thursday, October 17, 2013, at the New Milford Board of Education, 50 East Street, New Milford, Connecticut, for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing. At the October 17 meeting, the Board will entertain a motion to convene in executive session during which matters concerning the personal privacy of the student involved is likely to be discussed. Should the student's parents request that the student's hearing be held in public session, the Board will do so unless it determines that an open session will implicate the confidentiality and personal privacy of other New Milford Public School students. The Board of Education may take action when it returns to open session following the hearing.

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October 21, 2013

**PRESENT:**

**Board Members:** Wendy Faulenbach, Lynette Celli Rigdon, Daniele Shook, Thomas McSherry

**Others Present:** Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Greg Shugrue, Marc Balanda, Stephen M. Sedor, Esq., Gregory Smith, Esq., Cheryl D'Amato, Court Reporter, Michael P. McKeon, Esq., the student who was the subject of the hearing and the student's father.

At the October 17, 2013 special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education, the Board took the following actions.

The special meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m., and Mr. McSherry immediately moved, and Ms. Faulenbach seconded, that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which matters of personal privacy of the student involved were likely to be discussed and invite into executive session the individuals listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:30 p.m., the Board returned to open session, and at 8:33, Mr. McSherry moved and Ms. Faulenbach seconded, that the Board of Education adopt the parties' stipulation of facts that were discussed in executive session regarding the student who was the subject of this hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:35 p.m., Mr. McSherry moved and Ms. Faulenbach seconded, that as a consequence of the stipulated factual findings adopted by the Board of Education, 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, for a period of one calendar year, effective immediately, and that the student be offered an alternative educational opportunity determined by the Superintendent of Schools during this period of expulsion.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the student may apply for readmission to school on the first day of the 2014-2015 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; 2) the completion of counseling to be provided by the parent and at the parent's expense focused on substance abuse; 3) the provision of written authorization, permitting the Superintendent or her designee to speak with the student's drug treatment

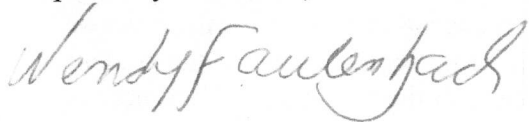
counselor during the period of the student's exclusion regarding his cooperation with the drug treatment and regarding the results of drug testing, with the understanding that should the student fail any such drug tests or not otherwise be deemed to be cooperating in his drug treatment program, he will be ineligible for early readmission; 4) the completion of drug testing at the parent's expense no earlier than ten calendar days before the date of the proposed early readmission and the provision to the Superintendent of the written report of that testing indicating that the student is drug free; and 5) 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 5 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 motion passed unanimously.

At 8:36 p.m., Mr. McSherry moved, and Ms. Faulenbach seconded, that the Board adjourn the special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Faulenbach". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large loop on the 'f' and a trailing flourish at the end.

Wendy Faulenbach  
New Milford Board of Education