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**PRESENT:**

**Board Members:** Daniele Shook, Dave Littlefield, Angela C. Chastain, and Wendy Faulenbach

**Others Present:** Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Dana Ford, Suzi Greene, Jennifer Chmielewski, Rachel Volkman Kushel, Esq., Michael P. McKeon, Esq., Cheryl D'Amato, John Piech, the student who was the subject of the hearing, the student's mother.

At the December 8, 2014 special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education, the Board took the following actions.

The special meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m., and at 6:05 p.m., Mrs. Shook moved, and Mrs. Faulenbach seconded, that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the hearing was likely to be discussed, and that the Board invite into executive session the individuals listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:28 p.m., the Board returned to open session, and Mrs. Shook moved, and Mr. Littlefield seconded, that the Board of Education adopt the Findings of Fact discussed in executive session regarding the student who was the subject of this hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Shook moved, and Mr. Littlefield seconded, that that as a consequence of the 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 retroactively to November 21, 2014, 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 2015-2016 school year, if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The student will fully and adequately participate in any offered alternative educational opportunity, including but not limited to no unexcused absences and the maintenance of at least a C average in all of his courses;

2. the student will write an essay of at least two pages regarding why his conduct was wrong and how his actions affected the lives of his victims, and he will then make an oral presentation on that essay to the administrators at Schaghticoke Middle School at a time and date that is mutually convenient to the administration and the student;
3. the student will be available for and will undergo a psychiatric evaluation at Board expense by Dr. John G. Gelinas, Jr. for the purpose of determining that the student does not pose a danger to himself or to others, and the mother will provide the district with written consent for the evaluation and for the district and Dr. Gelinas to discuss the student and exchange documents pertaining to him, and for Dr. Gelinas to issue his written report to the Board;
4. the student will not violate the law or engage in 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 meet the following conditions during the remaining portion of the one-calendar-year expulsion period, and if the student fails to meet any of these conditions upon readmission, the Superintendent may reinstate any un-served period of expulsion without a hearing or may otherwise commence new disciplinary proceedings.

1. The student will maintain at least a C average in all of his courses and will not have any unexecuted absences;
2. the student will be subject to random searches of his backpack, his locker, and his person by the school administration;
3. the student will meet with Assistant Principal Dr. Christopher Longo at least once a week
4. the student will not violate the law or engage in conduct that would constitute grounds for suspension or expulsion under publicized Board policies.

The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:32 p.m., Mr. Littlefield moved, and Mrs. Faulenbach seconded, that the Board adjourn the special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela C. Chastain  
New Milford Board of Education