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March 9, 2020

**PRESENT:**

**Board Members:** Wendy A. Faulenbach, Eileen P. Monaghan, and Cynthia Nabozny

**Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting:** Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Dr. Chris Longo, Ms. Sasha Salem, Officer Nicholas Smith, Attorney Daniel P. Murphy, Attorney Michael P. McKeon, the Court Reporter, the students who were the subjects of the respective student disciplinary hearings, and the respective parent, or parents, of the students who were the subjects of the respective hearings.

At the March 4, 2020 special meeting that was called for the purpose of holding multiple student expulsion hearings, either a panel of the New Milford Board of Education or a hearing officer took the following actions.

Ms. Faulenbach called both the special meeting and the hearing to order at 10:50 a.m., and at 10:51 a.m., Ms. Faulenbach moved that the Board enter into executive session as personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the first hearing was likely to be discussed, and further moved to invite into executive session all of the named individuals listed above as well as the student who was the subject of the first hearing, and the parents of the student who was the subject of the first hearing. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 12:16, the Board returned to public session, and made the following motions:

1. Ms. Faulenbach moved that the Board of Education adopt the Findings of Fact discussed in Executive Session regarding the student who is the subject of this hearing. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Ms. Faulenbach moved that based upon the factual findings adopted by the Board of Education, the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the New Milford Public Schools, including any and all curricular and extracurricular activities, whether on school grounds or elsewhere, through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, effective immediately, and that the student shall be provided with an alternative educational opportunity during the period of expulsion the format of which will be determined by the Superintendent of the New Milford Public Schools in conjunction with the student's Section 504 Team. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the student shall be allowed to return to school on Monday, March 16, 2020, so long as the student fully participates in the

alternative educational opportunity and refrains from conduct that would constitute a suspendable or expellable offense. Should the student be permitted to return to school on March 16, 2020, the student will be required to continue to comply with school rules, with the understanding that should the student engage in a suspendable or expellable offense, the unserved portion of the expulsion will be reinstated without the need for a hearing. Furthermore, the expulsion shall be expunged from the student's record upon the successful conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 12:20, Ms. Faulenbach moved to adjourn the first hearing. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Faulenbach called the second student disciplinary hearing to order at 12:44 p.m. and at 12:45 p.m., Ms. Faulenbach moved that the Board enter into executive session as personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the second hearing was likely to be discussed, and further moved to invite into executive session all of the named individuals listed above as well as the student who was the subject of the second hearing, and the parent of the student who was the subject of the second hearing. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:57, the Board returned to public session, and made the following motions:

1. Ms. Faulenbach moved that the Board of Education adopt the Findings of Fact discussed in Executive Session regarding the student who is the subject of this hearing. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Ms. Faulenbach moved that based upon the factual findings adopted by the Board of Education, the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the New Milford Public Schools, including any and all curricular and extracurricular activities, whether on school grounds or elsewhere, through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, effective immediately, and that the student shall be provided with an alternative educational opportunity during the period of expulsion the format of which will be determined by the Superintendent of the New Milford Public Schools. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the student shall be allowed to return to school on Monday, March 30, 2020, so long as the student fully participates in the alternative educational opportunity and refrains from conduct that would constitute a suspendable or expellable offense. Should the student be permitted to return to school on March 30, 2020, the student will be required to continue to comply with school rules, with the understanding that should the student engage in a suspendable or expellable offense, the unserved portion of the expulsion will be reinstated without the need for a hearing. Furthermore, the expulsion shall be expunged from the student's record upon the successful conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 2:00, Ms. Faulenbach moved to adjourn the second hearing. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Faulenbach called the third student disciplinary hearing to order at 2:26 p.m. and immediately moved that the Board enter into executive session as personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the third hearing was likely to be discussed, and further moved to invite into executive session all of the named individuals listed above as well as the student who was the subject of the third hearing, and the parents of the student who was the subject of the third hearing. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 3:10, the Board returned to public session, and made the following motions:

1. Ms. Faulenbach moved that the Board of Education adopt the Findings of Fact discussed in Executive Session regarding the student who is the subject of this hearing. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Ms. Faulenbach moved that based upon the factual findings adopted by the Board of Education, the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the New Milford Public Schools, including any and all curricular and extracurricular activities, whether on school grounds or elsewhere, through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, effective immediately, and that the student shall be provided with an alternative educational opportunity during the period of expulsion the format of which will be determined by the Superintendent of the New Milford Public Schools. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the student shall be allowed to return to school on Monday, March 30, 2020, so long as the student fully participates in the alternative educational opportunity and refrains from conduct that would constitute a suspendable or expellable offense. Should the student be permitted to return to school on March 30, 2020, the student will be required to continue to comply with school rules, with the understanding that should the student engage in a suspendable or expellable offense, the unserved portion of the expulsion will be reinstated without the need for a hearing. Furthermore, the expulsion shall be expunged from the student's record upon the successful conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 3:14, Ms. Faulenbach moved to adjourn the third hearing. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Michael P. McKeon, serving as the hearing officer in place of the Board panel, called the fourth student disciplinary hearing to order at 3:45 p.m. and immediately moved that the hearing enter into executive session as personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the fourth hearing was likely to be discussed, and further moved to invite into executive session all of the named individuals listed above as well as the student who was the subject of the fourth hearing, and the parents of the student who was the subject of the fourth hearing.

At 5:10, the hearing returned to public session, and Attorney McKeon made the following motions on behalf of the Board:

1. That the Board of Education adopt the Findings of Fact discussed in Executive Session regarding the student who is the subject of this hearing.

2. That based upon the factual findings adopted by the Board of Education, the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the New Milford Public Schools, including any and all curricular and extracurricular activities, whether on school grounds or elsewhere, through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, effective immediately, and that the student shall be provided with an alternative educational opportunity during the period of expulsion the format of which will be determined by the Superintendent of the New Milford Public Schools. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the student shall be allowed to return to school on Monday, March 30, 2020, so long as the student fully participates in the alternative educational opportunity and refrains from conduct that would constitute a suspendable or expellable offense. Should the student be permitted to return to school on March 30, 2020, the student will be required to continue to comply with school rules, with the understanding that should the student engage in a suspendable or expellable offense, the unserved portion of the expulsion will be reinstated without the need for a hearing. Furthermore, the expulsion shall be expunged from the student's record upon the successful conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year.

At 5:14, Attorney McKeon adjourned the fourth hearing.

Attorney Michael P. McKeon, serving as the hearing officer in place of the Board panel, called the fifth student disciplinary hearing to order at 5:37 p.m. and at 5:38 p.m. moved that the hearing enter into executive session as personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the fifth hearing was likely to be discussed, and further moved to invite into executive session all of the named individuals listed above as well as the student who was the subject of the fifth hearing, and the parents of the student who was the subject of the fifth hearing.

At 5:51, the hearing returned to public session, and Attorney McKeon made the following motion on behalf of the Board:

1. That the Board adopt as its decision the parties' Stipulated Statement of Facts, including the parties' joint recommendation with respect to disciplinary consequences, that was presented and discussed in Executive Session regarding the student who is the subject of this hearing.

At 5:52 p.m., Attorney McKeon adjourned both the fifth hearing and the special meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Alisha DiCorpo  
Assistant Superintendent  
New Milford Public Schools