

Board of Education
New Milford Public Schools
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July 29, 2015

PRESENT:

Board Members: Angela C. Chastain, Wendy Faulenbach, Dave Littlefield, Daniele Shook, John W. Spatola

Others Present: Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Josh Smith, Greg Shugrue, Stephen M. Sedor, Esq., Detective Jeanine Begley, Michael P. McKeon, Esq., Gregory Smith, Esq., Louise Bouteill, the student who was the subject of the hearing, and the student's mother.

At the July 28, 2015 special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education, the Board took the following actions.

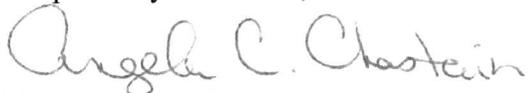
Mrs. Chastain called the special meeting to order at 6:12 p.m., and at 6:13 p.m., Mr. Littlefield moved, and Mrs. Faulenbach seconded, that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which personally identifiable information relating to the 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 7:47 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 7:48 p.m., Mrs. Shook moved, and Mr. Littlefield seconded, 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 immediately, and that during the period of expulsion the student shall not be permitted on any school grounds nor shall the student be permitted to attend or participate in any school activities, either on school grounds or elsewhere, including but not limited to graduation and related ceremonies, except that the student may be entitled to be at the Board offices solely for the purposes of obtaining an alternative educational opportunity, during which time the student shall not be entitled to be in possession of electronic devices, including phones, other than what the district provides in order to access the alternative educational opportunity, the format of which shall be determined by the Superintendent of Schools and, to the extent appropriate, by the student's Section 504 Team, and further moved that the Board authorize the Board's counsel and the Board's Chair to provide the parent with the Board's decision.

At 7:49 p.m., Mrs. Faulenbach moved, and Mr. Littlefield seconded, that the Board adjourn the special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela C. Chastain
New Milford Board of Education

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