Board of Education

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PLEASE POST

March 19, 2020

PRESENT:

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

Others Present for the Meeting: Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Dr. Chris Longo, Ms. Sasha Salem, Attorney Daniel P. Murphy, Attorney Michael P. McKeon, the Court Reporter, the student who was the subject of the student disciplinary hearing, and the parent of the student who was the subject of the hearing.

At the March 12, 2020 special meeting that was called for the purpose of holding a student disciplinary hearing, a panel of the New Milford Board of Education took the following actions.

Ms. Faulenbach called the special meeting to order at 10:19 a.m., and at 10:20 a.m., Ms. Monaghan moved that the Board enter into executive session as personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the 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 hearing and the student's parent. Ms. Nabozny seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 11:55, 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 shall be required to submit to random searches of his personal device until the end of the 2019-2020 school year, and the student shall also be required 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. Nabozny seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 11:58, Ms. Nabozny moved to adjourn the first hearing. Ms. Monaghan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Faulenbach

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