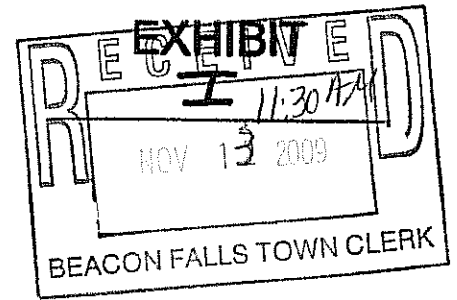


**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16**  
**Special Board of Education Meeting**  
**October 20, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Priscilla Cretella (5:30 p.m.)
<i>Prospect...</i>	Marie Delage Lisa DeGoes Robert Hiscox

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Attorney Susan Scott, Sullivan, Schoen, Campana, &  
 Connon – Region 16 Board Attorney/Procedural Advisor  
 Public Stenographer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Lisa DeGoes at 5:05 p.m. at the Region 16 District Office , 207 New Haven Road, Prospect, CT.

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a hearing on a student discipline issue. It is the intention of the Board to conduct the hearing in executive session. Once in executive session, the Board's Attorney, Ms. Susan Scott, acting as procedural advisor, will explain the procedures for this hearing.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Marie Delage to enter into executive session at 5:06 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which matters of personal privacy of one or more students enrolled in the Region 16 school system are likely to be discussed, by name, and during which educational records, not subject to disclosure under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, are likely to be discussed. Executive Session to include Attorney Susan Scott. ALL IN FAVOR. 09-169

*The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:52 p.m.*

Priscilla Cretella MOVED to accept the voluntary stipulation; Marie Delage SECONDED the motion, agreeing to the following:

- (1) The Board of Education adopts the findings of fact stipulated to by the parties regarding the student who was the subject of the expulsion hearing;
- (2) Effectively immediately, the student will be expelled for disciplinary reasons from the Regional School District No. 16 Public Schools for one calendar year, through and including October 20, 2010. During the period of his exclusion from school, the student shall not be permitted on any school property or grounds and shall not attend or participate in any school sponsored or approved activities, whether on or off school grounds.

- (3) During the period of his exclusion from school, the student shall receive a meaningful alternative education in the form of tutoring established by the school administration at Board expense. The tutoring will be scheduled under circumstances such that if the student fully participates and diligently applies himself, he will be able to keep up with his school work until his return to school on probation;
- (4) Due to the unique circumstances of this case, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to readmit the student on probation under the terms and conditions of the stipulation signed by the parties. While on probation, if the student commits any act or acts of violation of rules of student conduct or Board policy that would subject him to being suspended or expelled from school, then he shall immediately be excluded from school and shall serve the entire remaining terms of the initial expulsion, through October 20, 2010, without any further hearing before the Board.
- (5) Should the student not qualify for early readmission to school under the terms of the stipulation, he shall serve the entire length of the expulsion unless he graduates from Woodland Regional High School prior to the end of the original expulsion term; and
- (6) The record of this expulsion shall be expunged from the student's cumulative record upon his graduation from high school.

Mr. Robert Hiscox noted that he reluctantly agrees with the stipulation and feels that the parents should be financially responsible for the tutoring/alternative education program that the student receives during his expulsion prior to re-admission to WRHS. This contingency would continually send a strong message to the school community regarding drug issues. Board member Marie Delage also reluctantly agreed with the voluntary stipulation.

ALL IN FAVOR, but Robert Hiscox and Marie Delage agreed to the motion "with reluctance"

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#### ADJOURNMENT

The Special Board of Education meeting ended at 6:00 p.m., however, no formal motion was made for its adjournment.

Sincerely,

Marie Delage, Board Secretary

*These minutes are subject to Board approval.*  
Respectfully submitted by Lisa DeGoes, acting clerk.