

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16**  
**Special Board of Education Meeting**  
**January 4, 2017 (Hearing I)**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

		<u>Weighted vote</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	David Rybinski	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Robert Hiscox	1.3
	Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Michael P. Yamin, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Kurt Ogren, Principal Woodland High School

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Jessica Ritter, Shipman & Goodwin– Region 16  
Board Attorney/Procedural Advisor  
Attorney Stephen M. Sedor, Pullman and Comley LLC  
Representing Region 16 School Administration  
Student, student’s parents, student’s two siblings

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Robert Hiscox at 6:08 p.m. at the Region 16 District Office, 30 Coer 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. Jessica Ritter, acting as procedural advisor, will explain the procedures for this hearing.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to enter into executive session at 6:10 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 Jessica Ritter, Attorney Stephen Sedor, Superintendent Michael Yamin, Mr. Kurt Ogren (WRHS Principal), the student who is the subject of the hearing, the student’s parents, and the student’s two siblings.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote 4.0)

**17-001**

At 6:21 p.m., all parties except the Board members and Attorney Jessica Ritter left the executive session while the Board members deliberated.

*The Board came out of executive session at 6:30 p.m.*

Christine Arnold MOVED and SECONDED by David Rybinski to accept the stipulated agreement entered into by the Administration of the Region 16 public schools and the student who is the subject of the hearing, regarding the student's expulsion from Woodland Regional High School. The student shall accept an expulsion of calendar year, starting December 9, 2016; and, during this time, shall not be permitted on school grounds and shall not be permitted to attend any school activity, whether on or off school grounds. The Board is not required to provide the student with an alternative educational program due to the student's conduct of selling a controlled substance. However, it is agreed that the Board shall provide such a program, to be developed by the school administration, on the condition that the student and/or the student's parents will reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in providing the alternative program and provided the student meets the criteria outlined in the parties' stipulated agreement.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote 4.0)

**17-002**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to adjourn the January 4 , 2017, Special Board of Education Meeting at 6:33 p.m.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote 4.0 )

**17-003**

Sincerely,

Christine Arnold, Secretary

*These minutes are subject to Board approval.*  
Respectfully submitted by Michael P. Yamin, acting Board clerk.