

LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2013

A special meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

Present were: Ms. Fabbri; Mr. Bongiorno; Mr. Falcetti; Mr. Katzin; and Mr. Waugh.

Also present was: Dr. Wheeler, Ms. Della Volpe, Ms. Kubisek, Attorney Fred Dorsey, Attorney Kyle McClain, Attorney Francis Grady, parent and Student A.

MOTION made by Mr. Katzin and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to go into executive session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss a student disciplinary matter and confidential student records protected by law. Dr. Wheeler, Ms. Della Volpe, Ms. Kubisek, Attorney Fred Dorsey, Attorney Kyle McClain, Attorney Francis Grady, parent and Student A were invited to attend.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Open session resumed at 10:26 p.m.

MOTION made by Mr. Bongiorno and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: MOVE that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Board of Education expel **Student A**, as discussed in executive session, from attendance at Litchfield High School for the period from October 16, 2013 until the first day of the 2014-15 academic year. Further, the Board directs the administration to offer an alternative educational opportunity under Connecticut General Statute's section 10-233d, in a form to be determined by the Superintendent, to the **Student** for the period of this expulsion.

Notwithstanding the period of expulsion set forth, the **Student**, upon application, shall be granted early return to school on or about the beginning of the second semester of the 2013-14 academic year, on a probationary status, provided that the **Student** meets the following conditions as determined by the Superintendent:

- The **Student** completes the alternative educational opportunity as provided for herein and remains in good academic standing during the entire period of expulsion to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.
- The **Student** continues to meet with the **Student's** current counselor and furnish proof confirming the **Student's** continued participation in counseling with such counselor at the time of application for early return.

- During the period of expulsion, including upon return to school, the **Student** shall commit no violation of school rules or Board of Education policy and shall not engage in any behavior that poses a danger to him or others or property, or that is disruptive to the educational process. This requirement applies to conduct occurring both on and off school grounds.
- Failure to meet any of the foregoing conditions shall be grounds for the Superintendent to deny the **Student's** application for early return to school, or to require the **Student** to serve the remainder of the period of expulsion out of school, without the need to convene a new expulsion proceeding. Nothing in this decision, however, shall be construed to prevent the initiation of new student discipline proceedings in the event of new allegations of misconduct, if warranted in the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.

The **Student** is reminded that during the period of expulsion, while not granted return by the Superintendent, the **Student** is not permitted on school grounds or at any school-sponsored activities or events.

The Board also directs the Administration, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on the student's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if the student graduates from high school.

Finally, the Board authorizes Attorney Kyle McClain to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion, to **Student A** and his or her parents, as appropriate.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

MOTION made by Mr. Katzin and seconded by Ms Fabbri: to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Falcetti, Secretary