



COLCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Colchester, CT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2020 ~ 5:00 P.M.
Board of Education Conference Room
Town Hall

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mary Tomasi, Amy Domeika, Suesen Hickey

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Jeffrey Burt, Bacon Academy Assistant Principal Amy Begue

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Education Attorney Anne Littlefield, State of Connecticut Resident Trooper Collin Konow, Student A, Mother of Student A, Father of Student A

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tomasi called the Expulsion Hearing to order at 5:08PM.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – EXPULSION HEARING ON STUDENT A**

Chair Tomasi brought the hearing into Executive Session at 5:10PM for the purpose of conducting an expulsion hearing. Superintendent Burt was invited to join the Executive Session.

Public Session was entered at 6:27PM.

3. ***MOTION(S) REGARDING OUTCOME OF EXPULSION HEARING ON STUDENT A**

Motion by: A. Domeika

The Board of Education finds that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on January 28, 2020, possess and use marijuana off campus in a manner that was seriously disruptive of the educational process based on its proximity to the school and the involvement of three other students from Bacon Academy, including two juveniles. Further, the student's conduct endangered his fellow students.

The Student who is the subject of this hearing is expelled from the Colchester Public Schools for one calendar year, beginning on January 29, 2020 and ending on January 28, 2021 ("the Period of Expulsion"). During the period of expulsion, the Student may not appear on any Colchester Public Schools grounds, nor participate in school or school district activities or functions whether they occur on or off school grounds. A failure to abide by these prohibitions may result in the charges of criminal trespass and/or further additional disciplinary action. If the Student is required to go onto school grounds for any academic or

other reason, the Student shall contact the school administration to discuss the possibility of appearing on school grounds, and receive permission from the administration in advance.

The Student shall be provided during the period of expulsion with an alternative educational opportunity, in accordance with the law.

Second by: S. Hickey

Vote: Unanimous

4. ADJOURNMENT

M. Tomasi adjourned the meeting at 6:27PM.

*POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM