

**NEW FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
February 5, 2020**

Board Members Present: Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone

Time Meeting Called to Order: Approximately 2:00 p.m.

Motion for Executive Session: Motion that the New Fairfield Board of Education enter executive session to discuss a confidential student matter under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6) and § 1-210(b)(17).

The Board invited the following individuals (in addition to Board members and its counsel, Natalia Sieira Millan) into the executive session:

Dr. Patricia Cosentino, Superintendent of Schools
James D'Amico, Principal of New Fairfield High School
Scott Rohwedder, Assistant Principal of New Fairfield High School
Student who is the subject of the hearing, the Student's mother and father

Motion to go into executive session made by Kimberly LaTourette, seconded by Greg Flanagan.
Approved 4-0.

Approximately 2:20 p.m. Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Natalia Sieira Millan.

Approximately 2:38 p.m. Meeting resumes. All meeting participants return.

Kimberly LaTourette makes the following motion in open session:

Motion: That the New Fairfield Board of Education finds that the Student who is the subject of this hearing did, on January 23, 2020, possess a controlled substance on school grounds. Such conduct violated a publicized policy of the Board, endangered persons, and was seriously disruptive of the educational process. As a result of the above findings, the New Fairfield Board of Education concludes that the Student who is the subject of this hearing did commit an expellable offense.

Motion seconded by Greg Flanagan. Approved 4-0.

Motion to go into executive session made by Kimberly LaTourette as follows:

Motion: That the New Fairfield Board of Education enter executive session to discuss a confidential student matter under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6) and § 1-210(b)(17)

The same individuals listed above were invited into executive session.

Motion seconded by Greg Flanagan. Approved 4-0.

Approximately 2:54 p.m. Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Natalia Sieira Millan.

Approximately 3:23 p.m. Meeting resumes. All meeting participants return.

Kimberly LaTourette authorized Board counsel, Natalia Sieira Millan, to make the following motion in open session:

Motion: Moved that the Student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the New Fairfield Public Schools for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year, and that the Student be provided an alternative educational opportunity in accordance with the law. During the period of the expulsion the Student who is the subject of this hearing shall not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school sponsored events and activities, including graduation and all other end of the year activities, except for the Student's participation in the alternative educational opportunity provided by the New Fairfield Public Schools or as otherwise expressly authorized in writing by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.

The Student may be permitted early readmission to school on February 19, 2020, on a probationary basis and the Student will remain on probation for the remainder of the original expulsion period. During the probationary period, the Student must meet the following conditions:

1. Maintain passing grades;
2. Avoid any disciplinary incident that would result in a school suspension or expulsion as determined by the Superintendent;
3. Avoid any action that results in arrest;
4. Must not violate any Board policy as determined by the Superintendent;
5. Must not have any unexcused absences;
6. Must meet with the school counselor on a weekly basis to discuss the dangers of drug use and related practices; and
7. Must submit to random drug testing at the sole discretion of the Superintendent.

If the Student successfully complies with the conditions of this probationary period, the Student will be permitted to walk at Graduation. If the Student violates any of the conditions of this probationary period, the Student will not be permitted to walk at Graduation. Moreover, if the Student violates any of the conditions of this probationary period, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the remaining term of the Student's expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board.

Motion seconded by Greg Flanagan. Approved 4-0.

At approximately 3:32 p.m., Kimberly LaTourette moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Greg Flanagan. Motion Approved 4-0.