

**Special Meeting  
Stafford Board of Education  
Stafford Elementary School, Library Media Center  
February 4, 2019, 5:45 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Ms. Kathy Bachiochi  
Mr. Mike Delano  
Mrs. Andrea Locke, Secretary  
Ms. Sonya Shegogue, Chairperson  
Mrs. Kathy Walsh

**Absent:** Mrs. Jennifer Davis  
Mr. George Melnick

**Also Present:** Mr. Steven A. Moccio, Superintendent of Schools  
Atty. Fred Dorsey, Counsel for the Board of Education  
Mr. Timothy Kinel, Assistant Principal, Stafford High School  
Officer Jose Martinez, Town of Stafford Police / School Resource Officer  
Mr. Marco Pelliccia, Principal, Stafford High School  
Family Friends of Student A  
Grandmother of Student A  
Mother of Student A  
Student A

**Item I. Call to Order- Establishment of Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. A quorum was established.

**Item II. Board Consideration and Possible Action Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools Regarding the Expulsion of Student A from Stafford High School Pursuant to CGS 10-233d (Executive Session Anticipated)**

Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bachiochi, that the Board enter executive session to discuss material that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-200(6)(E), subsection (b) of Section 1-210, specifically, personnel, student or medical and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of privacy, and / or names and addresses of students enrolled in public school. Only those invited by the Board may be present in the executive session. Ms. Bachiochi, Mr. Delano, Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 5:56 p.m.

The Board invited the following individuals into the executive session:

Mr. Steven A. Moccio, Superintendent of Schools  
Atty. Fred Dorsey, Counsel for the Board of Education  
Mr. Timothy Kinel, Assistant Principal, Stafford High School  
Officer Jose Martinez, Town of Stafford Police / School Resource Officer  
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Mrs. Christine Marinelli, Recording Secretary

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Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Stafford Board of Education shall expel the Student (Student A) discussed in executive session from attendance at Stafford High School for the period from January 22, 2019, through and including January 21, 2020, for the reasons presented by the administration in this hearing. During any period of expulsion, Student A will not be allowed on school property or at school sponsored events without the express written permission of the Superintendent.

Further, the Board directs the administration to offer an alternative educational opportunity to Student A for the period of this expulsion, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d) and regulations for the State Department of Education, of a minimum of 10 hours per week of tutoring and, in addition, school-based counseling regarding positive decision making.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission at the start of the 2019-20 school year, if Student A meets the following conditions:

1. Zero unexcused absences from tutoring or counseling in a form and frequency to be approved in advance by the Superintendent;
2. Appropriate grade level performance consistent with Student A's past history; and
3. No further violations of school rules or the law.

Upon any early readmission, Student A will be on probation for the remainder of the expulsion period, but will be allowed to participate in school activities. During this period of probation, Student A must meet all requirements of early readmission. If these conditions are not met during the probationary period, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the remaining term of Student A's expulsion without the necessity of further action by the Board.

The Board further directs the administration, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on Student A's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if Student A graduates from high school, or in accordance with further actions of the Board or then existing Board policy.

Finally, the Board authorizes Ms. Sonya Shegogue and Attorney Fred Dorsey to communicate in writing to Student A and/or his/her parents, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

Ms. Bachiochi, Mr. Delano, Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion. Ms. Shegogue voted against the motion. The motion carried by majority vote.

**Item III. Adjournment**

Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, to adjourn. Ms. Bachiochi, Mr. Delano, Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Christine C. Marinelli, Recording Secretary**

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**Sonya Shegogue, Chairperson**

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**Andrea Locke, Secretary**