

Summary of Board Meeting 7.21.16

July 25, 2016

Board Members present:

Robert Brown
Terri C. Carmody
Juanita Champagne
Colleen W. Clark
Brian S. Goralski

Approximately 1:20 p.m.

Meeting called to order.

Motion to go into executive session made by B. Goralski, seconded by T.Carmody.
Approved 5 - 0.

Moved that the Board enter executive session to discuss a confidential student matter.

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

Timothy Connellan, Superintendent
Brian Stranieri, Principal
Richard Aroian, Assistant Principal
Elissa Bartlett, Attorney for the Administration
Scott Burkell, Teacher
Officer McKenzie
M.Grey, school employee

Approximately 2:10 p.m.

Everyone excused for Board deliberations,
except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter.

Approximately 2:25 p.m.

Meeting resumes. All meeting participants
return.

T.Carmody makes the following motion in open session:

The Southington Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record, that the student who is the subject of this hearing did on or about May 31, 2016 bite and hit another student during a physical altercation; assault 3 staff members, including biting and kicking one staff member; threatened to kill another student; grabbed the shirt of the SRO after he placed her under arrest and exhibited extremely aggressive behavior towards said

SRO. As a result of the above findings, the Southington Board of Education concludes that the student who is the subject of this hearing did commit an expellable offense.

Approximately 2:30 Board re-convenes into executive session to enter executive session to discuss a confidential student matter. (Same attendees from above return).

Approximately 2:45 p.m. Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter.

Approximately 2:55 p.m. Meeting resumes. All meeting participants return.

The Board further moved:

The student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the Southington Public Schools for one calendar year from the date of the incident, specifically through May 30, 2017, and that the student be provided an alternative educational program to be determined by the administration. 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. The Board of Education strongly encourages the student to seek counseling services.

Seconded by B. Goralski.

Approved 5-0.

B. Goralski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by T. Carmody . Motion approved 5 - 0.