Board of Education

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PLEASE POST

April 12, 2022

PRESENT:

Board Members: Wendy A. Faulenbach, Pete Helmus, Tammy McInerney and Leslie Sarich

Attorney Daniel P. Murphy, representing the Administration; Attorney Zachary Schurin, procedural advisor to the Board; Cheryl D'Amato, Court Reporter; and the respective parent, or parents, of the students who were the subjects of the respective hearings.

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Superintendent of Schools;

At the April 7, 2022 special meeting that was called for the purpose of holding multiple student expulsion hearings, a panel of the New Milford Board of Education took the following actions:

Ms. Faulenbach called both the special meeting and the first hearing to order at 10:39 a.m., and at 10:40 a.m., Ms. McInerney moved that the Board enter into executive session as personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the first hearing was likely to be discussed, and further moved to invite into executive session all of the named individuals listed above as well as the parents of the student who was the subject of the first hearing. Mr. Helmus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 10:51 a.m., the Board returned to public session, and made the following motions:

- 1. Mr. Helmus moved that the Board of Education approve the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement submitted by the parties in executive session and hereby expel the Student discussed in executive session through March 23, 2023, as specified in the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement, and that the disciplinary consequences and other terms set forth in the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement be adopted. Ms. McInerney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Helmus moved that that the parties' Stipulation be adopted in total as the Board's
 expulsion decision and that a letter be sent to both parties by the Board's procedural advisor
 reiterating this decision. Ms. McInerney seconded the motion. The motion passed
 unanimously.

At 10:53 a.m., Ms. Faulenbach adjourned the first hearing and the Board recessed pending the start of the second hearing.

Ms. Faulenbach called the second student disciplinary hearing to order at 1:12 p.m. and at 1:13 p.m., Mr. Helmus moved that the Board enter into executive session as personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the second hearing was likely to be discussed, and further moved to invite into executive session all of the named individuals listed

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above as well as the parents of the student who was the subject of the second hearing. Ms. McInerney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 2:33 p.m., the Board returned to public session, and made the following motions:

- 1. Mr. Helmus moved that the Board of Education approve the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement submitted by the parties in executive session and hereby expel the Student discussed in executive session through March 28, 2023, as specified in the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement, and that the disciplinary consequences and other terms set forth in the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement be adopted. Ms. Sarich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Mr. Helmus moved that that the parties' Stipulation be adopted in total as the Board's expulsion decision and that a letter be sent to both parties by the Board's procedural advisor reiterating this decision. Ms. Sarich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 2:35 p.m., Ms. Faulenbach adjourned the second hearing and the Board recessed pending the start of the third hearing.

Ms. Faulenbach called the third student disciplinary hearing to order at 3:21 p.m. and at 3:23 p.m., Mr. Helmus moved that the Board enter into executive session as personally identifiable information relating to the student who was the subject of the second hearing was likely to be discussed, and further moved to invite into executive session all of the named individuals listed above as well as the parents of the student who was the subject of the second hearing. Ms. McInerney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 3:52 p.m., the Board returned to public session, and made the following motions:

- 1. Ms. McInerney moved that the Board of Education approve the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement submitted by the parties in executive session and hereby expel the Student discussed in executive session through March 24, 2023, as specified in the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement, and that the disciplinary consequences and other terms set forth in the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement be adopted. Mr. Helmus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Ms. McInerney moved that that the parties' Stipulation be adopted in total as the Board's expulsion decision and that a letter be sent to both parties by the Board's procedural advisor reiterating this decision. Ms. Sarich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 3:53 p.m., Ms. Faulenbach adjourned the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alisha DiCorpo Superintendent

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