

Sterling Board of Education  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023  
Community Room - 4:00pm

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:18pm by M. Rouillard, Board Chair

Present at meeting: M. Rouillard, C. Langlois, V. Robinson-Lewis, L. Shippee, D. Capobianco

Also in attendance were: D. Murphy, Student who is the subject of this proceeding, Student's Parent(s), T. Friend, H. Nickerson, L. Smith

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Discussion and possible action regarding Student Expulsion Hearing\*  
(\*Executive session anticipated)

- 4:20pm a motion was made by C. Langlois and seconded by L. Shippee that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(b)(2), (11) and (17). Further, that the Board invite the following individuals to attend the executive session: The student who is the subject of this proceeding; Student's Parent(s); Theodore Friend, Superintendent of Schools; Dan Murphy, Counsel for the Board; Heather Nickerson, Principal; Laura Smith, Clinical Supervisor

Vote: All in favor

Motion passed

The Board exited Executive session at 6:10pm

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by C. Langlois that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Sterling Board of Education finds that the student discussed in executive session engaged in expellable offenses as described by the administration in this hearing.

Vote: All in favor                      Motion passed

The Board re-entered Executive session at 6:11pm.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:50pm

- A motion was made by V. Robinson-Lewis and seconded by C. Langlois that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Sterling Board of Education finds that the student discussed in executive session engaged in expellable offenses as described by the administration in this hearing.

Further, should the student re-enroll in the Sterling School District, the Board directs the administration to offer the student an alternative educational opportunity pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d) and consistent with guidelines issued by the Connecticut State Department of Education for the period of this expulsion.

The Board also directs the administration, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on the student's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if the student graduates from high school.

The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent for any decision rendered consistent with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(j).

Finally, the Board authorizes Michael Rouillard and Attorney Dan Murphy to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion, to the student and his/her parent(s).

Vote: All in favor                      Motion passed

#### IV. Adjournment

- A motion was made by V. Robins-Lewis and seconded by L. Shippee to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All in favor                      Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm