

Board of Education
New Milford Public Schools
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May 10, 2022

PRESENT:

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

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Superintendent of Schools; Attorney Daniel P. Murphy, representing the Administration, Attorney Zachary Schurin, procedural advisor to the Board, Cheryl D'Amato, Court Reporter, New Milford High School Principal Raymond Manka, New Milford Assistant Principal Kevin Best, New Milford Assistant Principal Megan Dwyer, Attorney Melanie Dunn, representing the student who was the subject of the first hearing and the respective parent, or parents, of the students who were the subjects of the respective hearings.

At the May 9, 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 1:16 p.m., and at 1:17 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 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 and student who was the subject of the first hearing. Ms. McInerney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 2:07 p.m., the Board returned to public session, and made the following motions:

1. Mr. Helmus moved that the Board of Education adopt the findings of fact discussed in executive session regarding the student who was the subject of this expulsion hearing. Ms. McInerney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Ms. McInerney moved that that as a consequence of the factual findings adopted by the Board of Education, that the student who was the subject of the expulsion hearing be expelled from the New Milford Public Schools and from all school-sponsored activities, either curricular or extra-curricular, either on school grounds or at another location for a period of one calendar year until April 25, 2023, and that the student shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity determined by the Superintendent of Schools during the period of expulsion. Ms. Sarich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 2:09 p.m., Ms. Faulenbach adjourned the first hearing and the Board recessed pending the start of the second hearing.

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Ms. Faulenbach called the second student disciplinary hearing to order at 3:23 p.m. and at 3:24 p.m., Ms. McNerney 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 with the exception of Attorney Dunn as well as the parent of the student and the student who was the subject of the second hearing. Ms. Sarich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 4:08 p.m., the Board returned to public session, and made the following motions:

1. Ms. Sarich moved that the Board of Education adopt the findings of fact discussed in executive session regarding the student who was the subject of this expulsion hearing. Ms. McNerney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Helmus moved that that as a consequence of the factual findings adopted by the Board of Education, that the student who was the subject of the expulsion hearing be expelled from the New Milford Public Schools and from all school-sponsored activities, either curricular or extra-curricular, either on school grounds or at another location for a period of one calendar year until April 25, 2023, and that the student shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity determined by the student's Planning and Placement Team during the period of expulsion. Ms. Sarich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 4:09 p.m., Ms. Faulenbach moved to adjourn the second hearing and the special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Alisha DiCorpo
Superintendent
New Milford Public Schools