



## **NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Board of Education**

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**September 21, 2023**

#### **PRESENT:**

**Board Members:** Wendy Faulenbach, Pete Helmus, Tom O'Brien and Leslie Sarich

**Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting:** Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools; Attorney Daniel P. Murphy, representing the Administration; Attorney Melinda Kaufmann, procedural advisor to the Board; Cheryl D'Amato, Court Reporter; Ray Manka, Principal New Milford High School; Kevin Best, Assistant Principal New Milford High School; the student who was the subject of the hearing, the parent of the student who was the subject of the hearing.

At the September 21, 2023 special meeting that was called for the purpose of holding a student expulsion hearing, a panel of the New Milford Board of Education took the following actions:

Ms. Faulenbach called both the special meeting and the hearing to order at 5:30 p.m., and at 5:32 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 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 parent and grandparent of the student who was the subject of the hearing. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to public session, and made the following motions:

1. Mr. Helmus moved that the Board of Education approve the Stipulated Agreement submitted by the parties in executive session and hereby expel the Student dismissed in executive session for the term of one calendar year, 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. O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Helmus moved 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 that decision. Ms. Sarich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Helmus moved to adjourn the hearing and the special meeting. Mr. O'Brien seconded. The motion passed unanimously.