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**May 23, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

**Board Members:** Wendy A. Faulenbach, 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 during the first hearing and hearing officer on behalf of the Board during the second hearing; New Milford High School Principal Raymond Manka, New Milford Assistant Principal Elizabeth Curtis; New Milford Police Department School Resource Officer Gurdeep Syan; Chery D'Amato, Court Reporter; the student who was the subject of the first hearing, the sibling of 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 18, 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 12:43 p.m., and at 12:45 p.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 and student who was the subject of the first hearing. Ms. Sarich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:12 p.m. the Board members exited the meeting while an evidentiary issue was addressed. At 1:15 p.m. the Board members returned to the meeting.

At 1:53 p.m., the Board returned to public session, and made the following motions:

1. Ms. McInerney 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. Sarich 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 including participation in graduation exercises 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.

3. Ms. Sarich moved that the Board of Education authorize its procedural advisor to send the parties a letter setting forth the Board's decision as discussed in executive session. Ms. McInerney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:56 p.m., Ms. Faulenbach adjourned the first hearing. At approximately 2:15 p.m. the Board members left the meeting.

Attorney Schurin called the second hearing to order at 2:38 p.m. and at 2:39 p.m. moved the hearing 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 Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Superintendent of Schools, Attorney Daniel P. Murphy, representing the Administration, Chery D'Amato, Court Reporter and the parent of the student who was the subject of the second hearing.

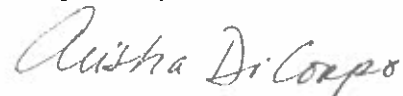
Attorney Schurin returned the hearing to public session at 2:52 p.m. at which time he took the following actions:

The hearing officer moved on behalf of the New Milford Board of Education that the Factual Findings and Legal Conclusions set forth in the parties' Stipulated Expulsion Agreement and that were discussed in Executive Session regarding the student who was the subject of the hearing be adopted by the Board.

The hearing officer further moved on behalf of the Board that based upon such factual findings and legal conclusions the parties' Stipulated Expulsion Agreement be adopted in total as the Board's decision and that a letter be sent to both parties reiterating this decision.

Attorney Schurin adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alisha DiCorpo  
Superintendent  
New Milford Public Schools