

Minutes
Policy and Labor Committee Meeting
Expulsion Hearing
April 24, 2014 – 3:45 PM (New Time change)
Administrative Conference Room
324 French Street
Watertown, CT 06795

Present: Eric Berthel, Chairman of the Policy & Labor Committee
Thomas Lambert, Member, Board of Education
Leslie Crotty, Board of Education, Committee Member

Others Present: Dr. Thomas Y. McDowell, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Attorney Richard Mills, Shipman & Goodwin
Dr. Bridget Carnemolla, Principal, Watertown High School
Jill Browne, Assistant Principal, Watertown High School
Roberto Medic, Athletic Director, Watertown High School
Officer D. McDonnell, Watertown Police Department
Attorney Elisa Bartlett, representing the Watertown Administration
Student 2013-2014-11
Mother of student 2013-2014-11
Father of student 2013-2014-11 arrived at 5:40 pm

Eric Berthel, Chairman of the Policy & Labor Committee convened the meeting at 3:50 pm.

Motion made by Mrs. Crotty, seconded by Mr. Lambert: To enter into executive session at 3:50 pm for the purpose of conducting a student's expulsion hearing during which matters concerning personal privacy of the student involved are likely to be discussed.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting went into Executive Session with everyone listed above as being present at 3:50 pm

Meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:15 pm.

Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools:

1. Student 2013-2014-11 be expelled from the Watertown Public Schools, effective April 24, 2014 and continuing through June 30, 2014,
2. During the period of expulsion, the Board will provide the student with an alternative educational program, in compliance with all applicable statutes.
3. During the period of expulsion, the student will not be permitted to be on school grounds and will not be permitted to attend or participate in any school-sponsored activities, including but not limited to the Watertown High School graduation ceremony and all senior class activities. During the period of expulsion, the sole reason the student shall be permitted to be on school grounds shall

be for his participation in the alternative education program, in the event that the Administration schedules the alternative education program to occur on school grounds.

Motion made by Mrs. Crotty and seconded by Mr. Lambert: I make a motion that the recommendations, as presented by the Superintendent and the Board of Education for student 2013-2014-11, be accepted.

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mrs. Crotty to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm.

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ellese Taylor
Executive Secretary