

PUTNAM BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Special Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2017
Secretary's Report**

The Putnam Board of Education met in special session on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the Central Office Conference Room of the Putnam Town Hall to discuss a student discipline matter.

Present: Michael Morrill, Mary Kozlowski, Edward Perron, Jill Zangerl

Others: William Hull, Superintendent of Schools; Jacqueline Vetovec, Putnam High School Principal; Parent/Guardian of the student who is the subject of this proceeding.

Michael Morrill called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Edward Perron made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:01 P.M. for the purpose of hearing a student expulsion matter that would likely involve the disclosure of public records pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(b)(2), (11) and (17). The motion was seconded by Mary Kozlowski and passed unanimously. The Board invited the following individuals into the Executive Session:

Mr. Hull, Mrs. Vetovec and the Parent/Guardian of the Student were invited to attend.

Mr. Hull, Mrs. Vetovec and the Parent/Guardian of the Student left the executive session at 5:16 P.M.

Everyone returned to Executive Session at 5:19 P.M. The Board exited Executive Session at 5:19 P.M.

Mary Kozlowski made a motion to expel the student, and moved that the Board accept in its entirety the stipulation as presented, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, and consistent with the terms of the stipulation, the Board expel the student discussed in executive session. The stipulation shall constitute the written communication to the parties regarding the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion. The motion was seconded by Edward Perron and passed unanimously. Stipulation reads as follows:

- 1) The Student is expelled from the Putnam Public School District (the "District") for one (1) calendar year beginning November 3, 2017. The Student shall not be present on school grounds for any reason. He/she shall not attend any school function or activity, and shall be denied all school privileges during the Period of Expulsion.
- 2) During the Period of Expulsion, the student shall be provided with an alternative educational opportunity consisting of a minimum of ten (10) hours a week of instruction. Specific arrangements for the alternative educational opportunity shall be agreed upon by the parties outside of this stipulation.

- 3) Pursuant to an early re-entry agreement, the Student may return to school on the first day of the spring semester for 2017/18 school year, provided that the Student meets the following conditions:
- a) The student will regularly attend and complete the alternative educational opportunity described above in paragraph 2.
 - b) The student shall regularly attend and complete a counseling program lasting for the duration of the Period of Expulsion. The specific arrangements for this counseling program shall be agreed upon by the parties outside of this Stipulation, but such program must include anger management and drug counseling components. The student's guardian shall sign a release that will allow the Putnam School District to communicate with the counselor/s
 - c) The student must fully cooperate and have psychological testing to determine that he does not pose a threat to himself or others. The student's guardians shall sign a release that will allow the Putnam School District to communicate with the doctor and/or tester/s.
 - d) The student shall take drug tests throughout the period of expulsion and the results of these tests shall be submitted to the Putnam School District after his/her re-entry. One of these drug tests must be no sooner than one (1) week prior to the date of the student re-entry to school. The results of these drug tests must be forwarded to the superintendent of schools.
 - e) During the Period of Expulsion, the student shall commit no further violation of school rules, Board of Education policy, state or federal law, and shall not engage in any behavior that poses a danger to himself/herself, others, property, or that disrupts the educational process at any school operated by the District, whether committed on or off of school grounds.
 - f) Failure to meet the aforementioned conditions constitutes grounds for the Superintendent, at his discretion, to require the student to remain out of school for the remainder of the Period of Expulsion without the need to convene a new expulsion hearing.

Edward Perron moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 P.M. The motion was seconded by Mary Kozlowski and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Morrill
Board Chairman