

PUTNAM BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Tuesday, June 11, 2019 Secretary's Report

The Putnam Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:45 P.M. in the Board of Education Conference room to discuss a student discipline matter.

Present: Carrie Blackmar, Michael Morrill, Edward Perron, Christopher Steinbrick, Marieanne Viens

Others: William Hull, Superintendent of Schools; Jacqueline Vetrovec, Putnam High School Principal; Parents of the student and the student who is the subject of this proceeding.

Michael Morrill called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

Edward Perron made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:40 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 Marieanne Viens and passed unanimously. The Board invited the following individuals into the Executive Session:

Mr. Hull, Mrs. Vetrovec and the Parents of the Student and the Student were invited to attend.

Mr. Hull, Mrs. Vetrovec and the Parents of the Student and the Student left the executive session at 5:45 P.M.

Everyone returned to Executive Session at 5:52 P.M. The Board exited Executive Session at 5:54 P.M.

Edward Perron 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 Carrie Blackmar 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 June 3, 2019 ("Period of Expulsion"). 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. 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 second marking quarter of the 2019/20 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. Upon early return to school and through the entire period of expulsion (one calendar year), the student shall regularly attend school.
 - b) The student shall regularly attend and complete a counseling program lasting for the duration of the Period of Expulsion. The parties outside of this Stipulation shall agree upon the specific arrangements for this counseling program, but such program must include drug counseling components. The student's guardians shall sign a release that will allow the Putnam School District to communicate with the counselor/s
 - c) 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 before the student's 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.
 - d) The student will complete at least ten (10) hours of community service before the start of the second marking quarter. The student will provide documentation of this service to the High School Principal before the start of the second marking quarter.
 - 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 5:55 P.M. The motion was seconded by Carrie Blackmar and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Morrill
Board Chairman