

**Revised**

The Regional School District Board of Education met in special session on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Frank Ward Strong Middle School, 191 Main Street, Durham, Connecticut

Board members present: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Friedrich and Mr. Hicks

Board members absent: Mrs. Boyle and Mr. Yamartino

Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of the Agenda**

*Dr. Friedrich made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Petrella, to approve the agenda as presented.*

*In favor of approving the agenda: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Friedrich and Mr. Hicks. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Discussion concerning Board appointment of impartial expulsion hearing board pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-233d and Board Policy 5114 Section VII, Paragraph B.**

Members of the Board discussed the pros and cons of using an impartial hearing board for expulsion hearings. In the past the Board has been able to have at least three impartial Board of Education members available for hearings and sees it as the responsibility of the Board to do so. In the event that Board members are unavailable to carry out this duty, it may be beneficial to have an impartial hearing Board.

**Possible Action concerning Board appointment of impartial expulsion hearing board pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-233d and Board Policy 5114 Section VII, Paragraph B.**

*Mr. Hicks read the following motion: The Board of Education authorizes the appointment of Attorney Stephen Sedor as an impartial expulsion hearing board pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-233d and Board Policy 5114 Section VII, Paragraph B. for the purpose of conducting student expulsion hearing if the Board is unable to convene an impartial hearing comprised of its members.*

*A motion to approve the above was made by Dr. Friedrich and seconded by Mrs. Petrella.*

*In favor of approving the motion: Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Dr. Friedrich. Opposed: Mr. Hicks, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Augur. Motion passed 5-3.*

There was discussion on whether there would ever be a need for this and some members felt that while it was unlikely it could be beneficial to designate someone if the situation arose while it would not be the first approach of first choice. Other members felt strongly that the Board should always assume this

responsibility. Future potential considerations for an impartial expulsion hearing board will be brought before the Board.

**Adjournment**

*Dr. Friedrich made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Petrella, to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education.*

*In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Friedrich and Mr. Hicks. Motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.