

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: MAY 5, 2010 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a SPECIAL meeting on WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Training Room, located at 25A Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ.

ITEM 1. WELCOME

Board President Alice Weisman opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement (Sunshine Notice). Ms. Weisman pointed out the fire exits in compliance with the NJ fire code.

Members Present: Paul Connolly, Bruce Ettman, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer, Christine. Harrington
Bob Laverty Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul (arrived 7:55 pm), Alice Weisman
Members Absent: none
Also Present: Michael Dzwonar, Interim CSA
David Coates, Board Legal Counsel
Also Absent: Kurt Stumbaugh, SBA/Board Secretary (with advance notice)

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3.A APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Mr. Ettman to approve the agenda.
On a roll call vote of the Board, motion to approve agenda was carried unanimously.

ITEM 3.B RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Mr. Ettman to approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District will hold a closed session during its special meeting on May 5, 2010.

This closed session concerns:

1. Disciplinary Hearing;
2. Personnel Matters.

Minutes will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

On a roll call vote of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously

ITEM 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session.

ITEM 5. OPEN SESSION

Two resolutions regarding the disciplinary hearing of student ID # 400574 were voted on in open session as indicated on attachment.

ITEM 6. ADJOURN

Minutes recorded by R. Laverty for:

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

At the May 5, 2010 Special Meeting of the EWRSD Board of Education, Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, the Board having heard the testimony of three people, and having taken note that student # 4000574 and his parents were given notice of the hearing and their rights by correspondence from the Interim Superintendent;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board had determined that student #4000574 was in fact in possession of 8 bags of marijuana at the Melvin H. Kreps School on April 16, 2010 and that student #4000574 had an intent to distribute marijuana to at least one other student in the school on that date.

On a roll call vote of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously.

Mr. Laverty moved seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS, student #4000574 was given notice of charges against him pursuant to NJ statutes 18A:37-2(c) & (j); *and*,

WHEREAS, the underlying basis for these charges was possession and attempt to distribute marijuana within the Melvin H. Kreps school; *and*,

WHEREAS, it was determined by the Board after hearing from witnesses Principal Lori Stein, Assistant Principal Samantha Roczycki, and campus monitor Zaire Bailey, who presented testimony in the presence of the student's mother, providing facts underlying the statutory charges that were proven; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Board having heard the recommendation of the interim Superintendent that student #4000574 be expelled from the Melvin H. Kreps school and respectively Hightstown High School and not be permitted onto property of any school with the District and not be permitted to attend any school functions, including athletic events, contests, proms, and graduation ceremonies and the like; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Board in considering this recommendation concurs that student #4000574 be expelled from the East Windsor Regional School District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that student #4000574 is hereby expelled from the East Windsor Regional School District with the understanding he will be appropriately educated per the discretion of the administration in accordance with what is set forth above.

On a roll call vote of the Board of Education members voting yes: Mr. Connolly, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Ms. Harrington, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, Ms. Weisman.
Members voting no: none. Abstaining: Mr. Paul Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

Adopted May 5, 2010