

Board of Education Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2009, 7:00 PM
Pinney Administration Building

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- IX. New Business
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A. CSEA Contract Update (Executive Session Anticipated)

XI. Student Matters

**Special Meeting
Stafford Board of Education
Pinney Administration Building
Monday, October 26, 2009, 5:00 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Mark Fontanella, Chairperson
Mrs. Lisa Bradway
Mrs. Lisa Finch
Mrs. Tracy Rummel
Mr. Steve Szymanski

Absent: Mrs. Sandy Fowler, Secretary
Ms. Julie Stafford

Also Present: Dr. Thérèse G. Fishman, Superintendent of Schools
Attorney Peter A. Janus, Counsel for the Board of Education
Mr. Kenneth Valentine, Principal, Stafford Middle School
Mr. Marco Pelliccia, Assistant Principal, Stafford Middle School
Ms. Michele Staczek, RN, Stafford Middle School Nurse
Ms. Lori Greenberg, Teacher, Stafford Middle School
Ms. Donna Bourque, Teacher, Stafford Middle School
Student D
Mother and Father of Student D

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Executive Session

- a. **Board Inquiry into the Continued Enrollment and Attendance of Student D**
- b. **Board Consideration of the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools regarding the Expulsion of Student D from Stafford Middle School Pursuant to CGS 10-233d**

3. Action by the Board in Response to the Superintendent's Recommendation or Motion regarding the Expulsion of Student D

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Finch, that the Board enter executive session to discuss material that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-200(6)(E), subsection (b) of Section 1-210, specifically, personnel, student or medical and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of privacy, and / or names and addresses of students enrolled in public school. Only those invited by the Board may be present in the executive session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 5:11 p.m.

The Board invited the following individuals into the executive session:

Dr. Thérèse G. Fishman, Superintendent of Schools
 Attorney Peter A. Janus, Counsel for the Board of Education
 Mr. Kenneth Valentine, Principal, Stafford Middle School
 Mr. Marco Pelliccia, Assistant Principal, Stafford Middle School
 Ms. Michele Staczek, RN, Stafford Middle School Nurse
 Ms. Lori Greenberg, Teacher, Stafford Middle School
 Ms. Donna Bourque, Teacher, Stafford Middle School
 Student D
 Mother and Father of Student D
 Mrs. Christine Marinelli, Recording Secretary

The Board took a recess to deliberate at 5:38 p.m. All invited individuals, with the exception of Attorney Janus, left the meeting room.

All invited individuals returned to the meeting room at 5:44 p.m.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bradway, to return to regular session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 5:45 p.m.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Finch, that based on the evidence and testimony received after a due process hearing, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that on or about October 14, 2009, Student D committed an expellable offense, namely that Student D consumed a controlled substance on school premises during the school day; Student D was in possession of a controlled substance on school premises during the school day; and Student D violated the Board of Education's Policy 5114 (a)-(l), Board Policy 5131.6 (a)-(f) and accompanying regulation (a) –(f) and the disciplinary guidelines, as outlined in the Stafford Middle School 2009 – 2010 Student – Parent Handbook; and it being the further finding of the Stafford Board of Education that such action constitutes conduct which is detrimental and an endangerment to the health, safety and welfare of other students, that such conduct is seriously disruptive of the educational process and that such conduct also violates a publicized policy of the Stafford Board of Education. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Finch, to enter executive session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 5:47 p.m.

At approximately 5:59 p.m., all individuals invited to attend executive session by the Board, with the exception of Attorney Peter Janus, left the conference room so that the Board of Education could deliberate.

All invited individuals returned to the Board of Education conference room at approximately 6:11 p.m.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bradway, to return to regular session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 6:12 p.m.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Finch, that based on the previous decision of the Stafford Board of Education that Student D had committed an expellable offense, and based upon the evidence and testimony received as to the length of any expulsion to be imposed for the offense by Student D, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that Student D shall be expelled from the Stafford Public Schools, from any and all school privileges and premises, and all school-sponsored activities for disciplinary reasons, effective immediately, for a period until January 4, 2010.

Moved further that the Administration provide Student D with an alternative educational opportunity during the expulsion period.

Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried.

4. Adjournment

Mrs. Finch made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rummel, to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Marinelli
Recording Secretary

Mark Fontanella, Chairperson

Mrs. Sandy Fowler, Secretary

**Regular Meeting
Stafford Board of Education
Stafford Elementary School
Monday, October 26, 2009**

Board Members Present: Mr. Mark Fontanella, Chairperson
Mrs. Sandy Fowler, Secretary
Mrs. Lisa Bradway
Mrs. Lisa Finch
Mrs. Tracy Rummel
Ms. Julie Stafford
Mr. Stephen Szymanski

Also Present: Dr. Thérèse G. Fishman, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Meg Devlin, Financial Analyst
Mr. Francis Kennedy, Principal, Stafford High School
Mr. Thomas Szymanski, Student Representative

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

ITEM I. Secretary's Report- Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting, October 5, 2009
Special Meeting, October 19, 2009

A consensus of the Board approved the Secretary's Report for the regular meeting held on October 5, 2009, and the special meeting held on October 19, 2009, as presented.

ITEM II. Treasurer's Report

<u>Board Bills:</u>	October 14, 2009	\$ 66,455.23
	October 19, 2009	\$347,167.37

<u>Grants:</u>	October 21, 2009	\$ 14,948.57
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A consensus of the Board approved the Board bills and grants, as presented.

ITEM III. Correspondence

The Board members were notified about the CABA Delegate Assembly, which will take place on November 19, 2009, from 3 – 6 p.m. Dr. Fishman asked that any interested Board member contact her for the registration information.

ITEM IV. Board Reports

Mr. Thomas Szymanski, Student Representative, reported on the following topics:

- ✓ Spirit Week at SHS
- ✓ A sports update
- ✓ A music update
- ✓ An update on the dinner theaters, which will be held on 11/6 and 11/7
- ✓ The Coffee House, which will be held on Tuesday, 10/27, at 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ The Homecoming Football Game

Mrs. Bradway stated that she attended the Governor's Summit on Dropout Prevention, along with other Board members and administrators from the district. Dr. Fishman said that there is some money available in a planning grant. She also noted that she would be meeting with the new town leadership in the near future to discuss this topic.

Mrs. Bradway said that she attended a workshop on Tweeting and Texting. She said that the presenters shared a lot of case law and helped to identify what schools are responsible for and what they're not. She said that the workshop was excellent and that she would encourage more people from the district to attend next time.

Mrs. Rummel reported that there is a benefit field hockey game scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, at 4 p.m., to support breast cancer research.

Mr. Kennedy reported that 340 students attended the high school's homecoming dance last Saturday. He said that the dance was well organized and well attended and that the students were very well behaved.

ITEM V. Superintendent's Reports

A. Analysis of Repeat Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores

Dr. Fishman stated that this information was being provided as a follow-up to a question asked by one of the Board members regarding how increased scores obtained by students repeating the SAT affected the mean scores for Stafford High School. Dr. Fishman noted that 47% of students took the SAT more than once and that 71% of those students increased their scores.

Mr. Kennedy distributed an additional handout that detailed the 11-year trend of repeat SAT takers. He stated that the information that Dr. Fishman provided in the Board packet confirms the fact that parents and students become savvier when they repeat the test. He also noted that the increase in scores is most likely attributed to students' increased desire to go on to college.

Mr. Szymanski thanked Mr. Kennedy for pulling this information together.

B. Cafeteria Profit and Loss through September 2009

Dr. Fishman presented the cafeteria profit and loss statement through September 2009, which showed a loss of \$1,533. She noted that there are two reasons for the decrease in sales, as follows: 1) More students are bringing their lunches from home, and 2) one new full-time employee took health benefits and the employee that she replaced did not.

C. Enrollment Report for October 1, 2009

Dr. Fishman presented the enrollment report for October 1, 2009, which is the official date that the State uses to determine school enrollment for the 2009 – 2010 school year. She said that Stafford's official enrollment number was 1854, which is about the same as the attendance numbers that were reported in September 2009. Dr. Fishman said that the only reason that she could identify that would explain the large decrease in enrollment is that a large class graduated in 2009.

D. Update on CABE Board Recognition Award Application

Dr. Fishman reviewed the application for the CABE Board Recognition Award with the Board members. She said that Board members would have to meet a minimum of three criteria in each of the following areas: Board Leadership / Student Achievement, Board Member Professional Development, Policy, Community Relations, and Related Organizational Leadership, with a total of twenty-two criteria being met.

A review of the application at the meeting revealed that the Board did meet the requisite twenty-two criteria. Dr. Fishman said that she would contact CABE to see if the application deadline had passed.

The Board mentioned that they would like to consider having Mr. Caruso from CABE come to a future meeting to present on Board Self-Evaluations.

E. Update on Vending Machines at Stafford High School

Dr. Fishman provided the Board with a memo from Mrs. Linder, Director of Building Services, regarding the status of the installation of the new vending machines at Stafford High School. Dr. Fishman said that the vending machines are under the auspices of BESB, which was originally waiting for the Coca Cola Company to install the machines. Since Coca Cola was not "stepping up to the plate", BESB has contracted with Next Generation from West Springfield, Massachusetts. Mrs. Linder expects that both machines will be in place within the next thirty days.

A Board member had a question about the vending machine profits. Mr. Kennedy stated that 35% of the profits are given to the school. He noted that the high school uses the profits for student recognition programs.

Item VI. Public Forum

A member of the audience had a question about the final enrollment number. Dr. Fishman stated that the 10/1/09 enrollment figure for Stafford was 1854.

A member of the audience had a question about the fire drills policy. Dr. Fishman stated that crisis drills would be added to the fire drills that currently take place at the schools. The crisis drills will not take the place of the fire drills.

Item VII. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Item VIII. New Business

A. Review and Approval of District Participation in Electricity Consortium

Dr. Fishman explained that she was looking to gain approval of Stafford's participation in a new electricity consortium. She said that the district has been working to put together an option for the aggregation and purchase of electricity using a Connecticut licensed aggregator and broker, which is only available to Boards of Education. The Connecticut Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) has chosen Secure Energy Solutions to provide these services at a fee of .0005/kWh. Additionally, Shipman and Goodwin, LLP, will serve as counsel for the consortium, at an initial fee of \$2,500 that will be placed in a mutual client trust account.

Mr. Szymanski asked if the \$2,500 was refundable if the district drops out of the consortium. Mrs. Devlin said that it was, but would be pro-rated depending on when the district dropped out.

Board members had questions regarding the existing contract, which expires on 12/1/09. It was also explained that the town would not be allowed to join this consortium, as it is only for Boards of Education. Mrs. Devlin said that the town did not participate last year, as they did not find it beneficial.

Mrs. Finch made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bradway, that the Board of Education approve the *Legal Services Agreement* with Shipman and Goodwin, LLP, to enter into a group electricity procurement project. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Finch made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bradway, that the Board of Education authorize Mr. Mark Fontanella, Chairman of the Board of Education, to sign the *Legal Services Agreement* on its behalf. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried.

- B. Review and Possible Approval of Revised / New Board Policies 1212-School Volunteers with accompanying Regulation (a)-(b) and Form; 3152 (a)-(d)-Spending Public Funds for Advocacy (new policy); 3524.1 (a)-(b)-Pesticide Application with accompanying Regulation (a)-(d) and Forms 1 and 2; 3541.21 (a)-(b)-Responsibility Regarding Determination of Need for Medical Intervention for Students Involved in a School Bus Accident (new policy) with accompanying Regulation (a)-(b); 4118.11 / 4218.11-Nondiscrimination; 4152.6 / 4252.6 (a)-(c)-Family and Medical Leave Act with accompanying Regulation (a)-(l) and Form; 5114 (a)-(l)-Removal / Suspension / Expulsion; 5124.1 (a)-(c)-District / School Report Cards; 5133-Behavior of Participants in Athletic Events (new policy); 5141.25 (a)-(d)-Accommodating Students with Special Dietary Needs (new policy) with accompanying Regulation (a)-(d) and Forms 1-5; 5145.4 (a)-(b)-Nondiscrimination; 6114.1-Fire Emergency (Drills) (new policy); 6140-Curriculum; and 6145.22-Sportsmanship (new policy)

Dr. Fishman said that these policies represent new and revised Board policies and regulations, as reviewed and revised by a committee of administrators and the Board of Education policy sub-committee.

This item was tabled until the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting.

Item IX. Personnel Matters

There were no Personnel Matters.

Mrs. Finch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stafford, to place **Item X.A. Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation for Early Readmission of Student J (08-09) to Stafford High School (Executive Session Anticipated)**, **Item X.B. Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation for Early Readmission of Student K (08-09) to Stafford High School (Executive Session Anticipated)**, and **Item X.C. Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation for Early Readmission of Student L (08-09) to Stafford High School (Executive Session Anticipated)**, into executive session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried.

Item X. Student Matters

- A. **Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation for Early Readmission of Student J (08-09) to Stafford High School (Executive Session Anticipated)**

Mrs. Bradway made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stafford, to enter executive session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:07 p.m. Dr. Fishman, Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Marinelli were invited to attend executive session. Additionally, the mother and father of Student J and Student J were present.

The Board took a brief recess to deliberate.

Mrs. Bradway made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rummel, to return to regular session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:17 p.m.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bradway, that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent of School's recommendation for early readmission of Student J to Stafford High School, effective Monday, November 30, 2009. Should Student J commit a violation of the Board of Education's policies and regulations warranting suspension or expulsion, then the original period of this expulsion shall be reinstated without further hearings. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried.

B. Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation for Early Readmission of Student K (08-09) to Stafford High School (Executive Session Anticipated)

Mrs. Bradway made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stafford, to enter executive session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:19 p.m. Dr. Fishman, Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Marinelli were invited to attend executive session. Additionally, the mother of Student K and Student K were present.

The Board took a brief recess to deliberate.

Mrs. Finch made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rummel, to return to regular session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:34 p.m.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bradway, that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent of School's recommendation for early readmission of Student K to Stafford High School, effective Monday, November 2, 2009. Should Student K commit a violation of the Board of Education's policies and regulations warranting suspension or expulsion, then the original period of this expulsion shall be reinstated without further hearings. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried.

C. Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation for Early Readmission of Student L (08-09) to Stafford High School (Executive Session Anticipated)

Mrs. Bradway made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stafford, to enter executive session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:39 p.m. Dr. Fishman, Mr.

Kennedy and Mrs. Marinelli were invited to attend executive session. Additionally, the mother and father of Student L and Student L were present.

The Board took a brief recess to deliberate.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bradway, to return to regular session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:47 p.m.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bradway, that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent of School's recommendation for early readmission of Student L to Stafford High School, effective Monday, November 2, 2009. Should Student L commit a violation of the Board of Education's policies and regulations warranting suspension or expulsion, then the original period of this expulsion shall be reinstated without further hearings. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried.

Item XI. Adjournment

Mrs. Bradway made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stafford, to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Stafford and Mr. Szymanski voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Marinelli, Recording Secretary

Mark Fontanella, Chairperson

Sandra Fowler, Secretary

**Special Meeting
Stafford Board of Education
Pinney Administration Building
Monday, November 2, 2009, 7:30 a.m.**

Present: Mr. Mark Fontanella, Chairperson
Mrs. Lisa Bradway
Mrs. Lisa Finch
Mrs. Tracy Rummel
Ms. Julie Stafford

Absent: Mrs. Sandy Fowler, Secretary
Mr. Steve Szymanski

Also Present: Dr. Thérèse G. Fishman, Superintendent of Schools
Attorney Peter A. Janus, Counsel for the Board of Education
Mr. Francis Kennedy, Principal, Stafford High School
Ms. Barbara Evans, RN, Stafford High School Nurse
Trooper Kmon, Connecticut State Police
Student E
Father of Student E

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. A quorum was established.

2. Executive Session

a. Board Inquiry into the Continued Enrollment and Attendance of Student E

b. Board Consideration of the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools regarding the Expulsion of Student E from Stafford High School Pursuant to CGS 10-233d

3. Action by the Board in Response to the Superintendent's Recommendation or Motion regarding the Expulsion of Student E

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stafford, that the Board enter executive session to discuss material that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-200(6)(E), subsection (b) of Section 1-210, specifically, personnel, student or medical and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of privacy, and / or names and addresses of students enrolled in public school. Only those invited by the Board may be present in the executive session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Ms. Stafford voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 7:38 a.m.

The Board invited the following individuals into the executive session:

Dr. Thérèse G. Fishman, Superintendent of Schools
Attorney Peter A. Janus, Counsel for the Board of Education
Mr. Francis Kennedy, Principal, Stafford High School
Ms. Barbara Evans, RN, Stafford High School Nurse
Trooper Kmon, Connecticut State Police
Student E
Father of Student E
Mrs. Christine Marinelli, Recording Secretary

The Board took a recess to deliberate at 8:07 a.m. All invited individuals, with the exception of Attorney Janus, left the meeting room.

All invited individuals returned to the meeting room, except Ms. Evans, at 8:12 a.m.

Mrs. Bradway made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stafford, to return to regular session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Ms. Stafford voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:13 a.m.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stafford, that based on the evidence and testimony received after a due process hearing, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that culminating on or about October 20, 2009, Student E committed an expellable offense, namely that Student E assaulted three students by burning them with a heated pen with a metal tip on school grounds during the school day; Student E caused serious injury to one of the three students by burning him with a heated pen with a metal tip on school grounds during the school day; Student E was in possession of and used a dangerous instrument on school grounds during the school day; and Student E violated the Board of Education's Policy 5114 (a)-(l) and the disciplinary guidelines, as outlined in the Stafford High School 2009 – 2010 Student – Parent Handbook. It is the further finding of the Stafford Board of Education that such action constitutes conduct which is detrimental and an endangerment to the health, safety and welfare of other students, that such conduct is seriously disruptive of the educational process and that such conduct also violates a publicized policy of the Stafford Board of Education. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Ms. Stafford voted for the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Bradway made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rummel, to enter executive session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Ms. Stafford voted for the motion, which carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:15 a.m.

At approximately 8:32 a.m., all individuals invited to attend executive session by the Board, with the exception of Attorney Peter Janus, left the conference room so that the Board of Education could deliberate.

All invited individuals, except Ms. Evans, returned to the Board of Education conference room at approximately 8:43 a.m.

Mrs. Bradway made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Finch, to return to regular session. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Ms. Stafford voted for the motion, which carried. The Board returned to regular session at 8:44 a.m.

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Finch, that based on the previous decision of the Stafford Board of Education that Student E had committed an expellable offense, and based upon the evidence and testimony received as to the length of any expulsion to be imposed for the offense by Student E, it is the finding of the Stafford Board of Education that Student E shall be expelled from the Stafford Public Schools, from any and all school privileges and premises, and all school-sponsored activities for disciplinary reasons, effective immediately, for a period of one calendar year.

However, Student E may apply for early readmission to school at the beginning of the fourth quarter, on or about April 5, 2010, by submitting an application to the Superintendent of Schools for consideration by the Board of Education no later than at its scheduled meeting on or about March 22, 2010. The Board will condition Student E's readmission on satisfactory performance in tutoring with no unexcused absences; maintaining a satisfactory academic record; attending counseling sessions as scheduled by the School Social Worker; and completing one hundred hours of community service. If Student E is granted early readmission and subsequently commits a violation of the Board of Education's policies and regulations warranting suspension or expulsion, then the original period of this expulsion shall be reinstated without further hearings.

Moved further that the Administration provide Student E with an alternative educational opportunity during the expulsion period.

Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Ms. Stafford voted for the motion, which carried.

4. Adjournment

Mrs. Rummel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Finch, to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Rummel and Ms. Stafford voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Marinelli
Recording Secretary

Mark Fontanella, Chairperson

Mrs. Sandy Fowler, Secretary