

**BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FEBRUARY 11, 2021  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Attendance: Steven Jenkins  
Timothy Oakes  
Mark Pruzin  
Tracy Sisti  
Stephen Weber

Also in attendance: Superintendent of Schools Brian J. Benigni  
Board Legal Counsel Alyce Alfano  
Eileen Eustis, Principal, Berlin High School  
Student who is the subject of the hearing and the student's parents

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Oakes called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. in the Board of Education ("the Board") meeting room at 238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT.

**II. STUDENT EXPULSION HEARING**

**At 9:11 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Pruzin, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential student records.**

**FAVOR: ALL**

**MOTION CARRIED: 5:0**

At 9:11 a.m. the Board entered into executive session. In addition to the Board members, the following individuals were invited into executive session: Superintendent of Schools Brian J. Benigni; Board Legal Counsel Alyce Alfano; BHS Principal Eileen Eustis; student who is the subject of the hearing and the student's parents.

At 9:12 a.m., the Board entered into deliberations in the Board meeting room.

At 9:24 a.m., the Board reconvened in open session in the Board meeting room.

**The following motion was made by Ms. Sisti, seconded by Mr. Jenkins:**

**Moved, based on the evidence in the record, that the Board approve the stipulation regarding the student who is the subject of this hearing, as entered into the record by agreement of the parties on February 11, 2021, and moved further that the Board expel the student, effective February 9, 2021 and continuing through February 8, 2022, in accordance with the terms set forth in the stipulation.**

As a result of the Board's approval of the stipulation, the following terms will apply to the student's expulsion:

- 1. The student shall be expelled, effective February 9, 2021 and continuing through February 8, 2022, under the following conditions:**
  - a. During the period of expulsion, the Student will be provided with an alternative educational opportunity to be determined in accordance with applicable law.**
  - b. If the student becomes ineligible to attend the Berlin Public Schools pursuant to Board Policy and/or if his parents withdraw him from his enrollment as a student in the Berlin Public Schools, the Board will have no obligation to provide the Student with an alternative educational opportunity.**
  - c. During the period of expulsion, the Student will not be permitted to be on school grounds and will not be permitted to attend or participate in any school-sponsored activities, with the sole exception of his participation in the alternative education program provided to him.**

**FAVOR: ALL  
MOTION CARRIED: 5:0**

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 9:25 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Pruzin, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to adjourn.**

**FAVOR: ALL  
MOTION CARRIED: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Brian J. Benigni  
Superintendent of Schools

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