

**BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MAY 13, 2021  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Attendance: Mark Pruzin  
Tracy Sisti  
Stephen Weber

Also in attendance: Superintendent of Schools Brian J. Benigni; Board Legal Counsel Alyce Alfano; student who is the subject of the hearing and the student's mother.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Sisti called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m. in the Board of Education ("the Board") meeting room at 238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT.

**II. STUDENT EXPULSION HEARING**

**At 8:16 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Pruzin, seconded by Mr. Weber, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential student records.**

**FAVOR: ALL  
MOTION CARRIED: 3:0**

At 8:16 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; student who is the subject of the hearing and the student's mother.

At 8:16 a.m., all but the Board members departed the meeting room and the Board entered into deliberations.

At 8:20 a.m., all but the Board members returned to the meeting room.

**At 8:21 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Pruzin, seconded by Mr. Weber to return to regular session.**

**FAVOR: ALL  
MOTION CARRIED: 3:0**

**The following motion was made by Mr. Pruzin, seconded by Mr. Weber:**

**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 May 13, 2021, and moved further that the Board expel the student, effective May 13, 2021 and continuing through his June 2021 graduation date, in accordance with the terms set forth in the stipulation.**

**FAVOR: ALL  
MOTION CARRIED: 3:0**

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 May 13, 2021 and continuing through his anticipated graduation from Berlin High School on or about June 11, 2021, under the following conditions:**
  - a. During the period of expulsion, the student will be provided with an alternative education 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, including all graduation ceremonies and activities, with the sole exception of his participation in the alternative educational program provided to him.**
  - d. If the student meets each of the conditions of the agreement without any further disciplinary incidents and successfully meets his graduation requirements and receives his diploma, the record of this expulsion shall be expunged from his educational record upon graduation.**

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:22 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Pruzin, seconded by Mr. Weber, to adjourn.

**FAVOR: ALL**

**MOTION CARRIED: 3:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Brian J. Benigni  
Superintendent of Schools

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