

SPECIAL MEETING - MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Superintendent's Conference Room, Montville High School
April 24, 2012

Item 1: Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by David C. Rowley. Those members in attendance were David C. Rowley, Carrie T. Baxter, Sandra Berardy, Steven J. Loiler, Robert R. Mitchell Jr., Todd F. Pomazon, and James B. Wood.

Also in attendance were: Brian C. Levesque, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Chad Ellis, Principal; Tatiana Patten, Assistant Principal; Officer Robert Sundman; the student and parents.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: Confidential Hearing of a Student Personnel Matter.

Motion: That the Board go into executive session for the purpose of conducting a confidential student disciplinary hearing under Section 10-233d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Moved by:	Robert R. Mitchell
Seconded by:	Todd Pomazon
Vote:	Carried unanimously

The Board entered executive session at 5:13 p.m. During the executive session the Board held the disciplinary hearing and after excusing all but the Board's counsel, deliberated on the matter.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:38 p.m.

Motion:

That the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on April 9, 2012, engage in conduct violative of Board policy 5140, off campus and use of a deadly weapon, a pellet gun, in a manner that caused injury to another student. Such conduct constitutes grounds for expulsion under state law and Board policy.

In light of the conduct noted, the Board of Education expels the student who is the subject of this hearing from all school property and all school-sponsored activities, effective immediately and continuing for 180 days (including the ten-day suspension).

The student may apply for a probationary readmission to school by applying to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of Schools may readmit him to school on a probationary basis, subject to his continued compliance with school rules and policies. If the student engages in any conduct in the alternative educational opportunity that violates Board policy or school rules, or engages in conduct in the community leading to arrest or causing a disruption to the school environment, the Superintendent shall not readmit the student on a probationary basis, and the student shall be expelled for the full 180 day period. Prior to any probationary readmission, the high school administration shall specifically review the provisions of Board policy concerning discipline with the student to ensure that the student understands the terms of his probation and the conduct that could lead to his re-exclusion. The Superintendent may set such additional criteria on the student's probationary readmission as she may devise in her discretion.

If after the student's probationary readmission, the student engages in any conduct for which he could be suspended or expelled under Board policy, then the administration may re-impose the period of exclusion from school, through the 180 day period, without the need to reconvene a Board level hearing.

During the period of exclusion from school imposed by this expulsion hearing decision, the student shall be provided with an alternative educational opportunity, as determined by the Superintendent.

During the period of exclusion from school imposed by this expulsion hearing decision, the student is not permitted on school property or at any school-sponsored activity, unless written permission is obtained in advance from the administration.

Moved by:	Todd Pomazon
Seconded by:	Steven Loiler
Vote:	Carried unanimously

Item 4: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Robert R. Mitchell
Seconded by:	James Wood
Vote:	Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.