

OLD SAYBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Special Session on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at the Old Saybrook Board of Education Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

**Board Members**

Kelley Kennedy  
Joanne Sullivan (Arrived at 6:25PM)  
Karen Brodeur (Arrived at 6:20PM)  
George Chang  
James Henderson  
Eileen Baker  
Phil Broadhurst

**Others**

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools  
Sheila Riffle, Principal at Old Saybrook High School  
Anne Littlefield, Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:19PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kennedy led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSSION REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGED WRITTEN MEMORANDUM (EXPULSION HEARING PROCEDURES)

**Baker/Henderson**

**“Move to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential attorney client privileged written memorandum.”**

**MOTION: CARRIED (5-0-0)**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:20PM. Attorney Littlefield was invited into the Executive Session.

Board Member Brodeur arrived at 6:20PM.

Board Member Sullivan arrived at 6:25PM.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSSION REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL EDUCATION RECORDS WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT, 20 USC 1232g (EXPULSION HEARING)

**Baker/Brodeur**

**“Move to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential education records which are not subject to disclosure under The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, USC 1232g”**

**MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:45PM. Attorney Littlefield, Superintendent Perruccio, Principal Riffle, and Student and student’s mother were invited into Executive Session.

The Board entered into a recess at 6:50PM. The Student, parent, Superintendent Perruccio and Principal Riffle were excused from Executive Session.

The Board reconvened at 7:45PM. The Student, parent, Superintendent Perruccio and Principal Riffle were invited to re-enter the Executive Session.

The Board returned to open session at 7:50PM.

**Baker/Brodeur**

That the Board finds that the Student who is the subject of this hearing did on February 14, 2017 engage in conduct which endangered persons, was seriously disruptive of the educational process and violated Series 5000 of the Board Policies through the student's distribution of a controlled substance to another individual while off school premises as further set forth in the parties' joint stipulation of facts contained in Joint Exhibit 1 of these proceedings. Further, the Board of Education finds that such conduct is an expellable offense.

Therefore, the Student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from Old Saybrook Public Schools and prohibited from attendance at all school sponsored activities and events and all school premises effective February 23, 2017 and continuing until February 22, 2018 as set forth in this decision. The Superintendent may, in her sole discretion and without further proceedings before the Board, reinstate the Student to school on a probationary basis on August 30, 2017, or subsequently, provided that the Superintendent determines that the Student has met each of the following conditions:

1. The Student must actively participate in the alternative education.
2. The Student must not commit another suspendable or expellable offense.
3. The Student must perform 150 hours of community service at a location or activity previously approved by the Superintendent.
4. The Student must participate in counseling at no expense to the District. The District can support the family by connecting them with the Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services if the family so wishes.
5. Between June 30, 2017 and August 30, 2017, the Superintendent will require the Student to take a drug test at a time specified by the Superintendent. If the drug test is positive for controlled substances or prescription drugs that the Student does not have a prescription for, The Student must serve the balance of the Expulsion period as described without a further hearing of the Board.

If the Student does return early, the Student shall continue to refrain from doing anything that would warrant a suspension or expulsion. If the Student does such a thing, the Student will have to serve the balance of the Expulsion Period without a further hearing of the Board. Also, if the Student does do something during the Expulsion Period that would warrant an expulsion, the Administration can ask the Board to expel the Student again, through a Board expulsion hearing.

If the Student does return early, the Student understands that the Superintendent, Principal or other administrator may conduct 2 random searches of the Student's locker and/ or backpack during the rest of the Expulsion Period. If any drugs are found, the Student will have to serve the balance of the Expulsion Period as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 without a further hearing of the Board.

The record of this expulsion will be expunged from the Student's record on June 15, 2018 (the projected last day of the 2017-18 academic year) if the Student does not have any other disciplinary infractions which warrant suspension or expulsion under Board policy between now and then. Otherwise it will be expunged when the Student graduates as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d.

Finally, the Board directs the Superintendent to confirm this decision in writing to the Student and his parents.

**MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)**

V. ADJOURNMENT

**Baker/Sullivan**

**“Move to adjourn at 7:53PM”**

**MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)**

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Karen Brodeur, Secretary  
Old Saybrook Board of Education

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