

**Please Note: These minutes are pending Board approval.**

**Board of Education  
Newtown, Connecticut**

Minutes of the Board of Education special meeting on December 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

D. Delia, Vice Chair  
D. Cruson, Secretary  
D. Leidlein  
R. Harriman-Stites

Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Delia called the meeting to order at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Item 2 – Executive Session Motion

MOTION: Mr. Delia moved that the Newtown Board of Education enter executive session to discuss a confidential student matter under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6) and § 1-210(b)(17).

The following individuals were invited into executive session:

Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Kim Longobucco, Principal, Newtown High School  
Ms. Dana Manning, Vice Principal, Newtown High School  
Officer Will Chapman, Newtown Police Department  
Elissa Bartlett, Counsel for the Administration  
Peter Maher, Counsel for the Board  
Student who is the subject of this hearing  
Student's parent  
Family's attorney  
Kathy June, Clerk

Mr. Cruson seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Item 3 – Executive Session

At approximately 7:30 p.m. everyone was excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Peter Maher.

At approximately 7:44 p.m. the meeting resumed and all meeting participants returned.

MOTION: Mr. Delia moved that the Newtown Board of Education accepts the facts stipulated by the Administration and the Parent and that, as stipulated, the Student's conduct constitutes an expellable offense. Mr. Cruson seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

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At approximately 8:45 p.m. everyone was excused for the Board to consult with Board counsel, Peter Maher

At approximately 8:53 p.m. the meeting resumed and all meeting participants returned.

At approximately 9:17 p.m. everyone was excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Peter Maher.

Item 4 – Public Session

At approximately 10:11 p.m. the meeting resumed. All meeting participants returned.

MOTION: Mr. Delia moved further: That the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the Newtown Public Schools for one calendar year, until November 15, 2020, and that the student be provided an alternative educational opportunity in accordance with the law. During the period of the expulsion the student who is the subject of this hearing shall not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school sponsored events and activities, including graduation and all other end of the year activities, except for the student's participation in the alternative educational opportunity provided by the Newtown Public Schools or as otherwise expressly authorized in writing by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee. Mr. Cruson seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

MOTIN: Mr. Delia moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cruson seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Item 5 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Daniel J. Cruson, Jr.  
Secretary