PUTNAM BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Tuesday, April 25, 2017 Secretary's Report

The Putnam Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Central Office Conference Room of the Putnam Town Hall to discuss a student discipline matter.

Present:

Michael Morrill, Edward Perron, Marieanne Viens

Others:

William Hull, Superintendent of Schools; Jacqueline Vetrovec, Putnam High

School Principal; Parent and student who is the subject of this proceeding.

Michael Morrill called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Marieanne Viens made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:01 P.M. for the purpose of hearing a student expulsion matter that would likely involve the disclosure of public records pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(b)(2), (11) and (17). The motion was seconded by Marieanne Viens and passed unanimously. The Board invites the following individuals into the Executive Session:

Mr. Hull, Mrs. Vetrovec, Parent and Student were invited to attend.

Mr. Hull, Mrs. Vetrovec, Parent and Student left the executive session at 6:02 P.M.

Everyone returned to Executive Session at 6:10 P.M. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:11 P.M. Mr. Hull presented a written stipulation signed by the parent.

Marieanne Viens made a motion to expel the student, and moved that the Board accept in its entirety the stipulation as presented, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, and consistent with the terms of the stipulation, the Board expel the student discussed in executive session. The stipulation shall constitute the written communication to the parties regarding the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion. The motion was seconded by Edward Perron and passed unanimously.

- 1) The Student is expelled from the Putnam Public School District (the "District") for one (1) calendar year beginning April 6, 2017. The Student shall not be present on school grounds for any reason. He/she shall not attend any school function or activity, and shall be denied all school privileges during the Period of Expulsion.
- 2) During the Period of Expulsion, the student shall be provided with an alternative educational opportunity consisting of a minimum of ten (10) hours a week of instruction. Specific arrangements for the alternative educational opportunity shall be agreed upon by the parties outside of this stipulation.

- 3) Pursuant to an early re-entry agreement, the Student may return to school on the first day of the second semester for 2017/18 school year, provided that the Student meets the following conditions:
 - a) The student will regularly attend and complete the alternative educational opportunity described above in paragraph 2.
 - b) The student shall regularly attend and complete a counseling program lasting for the duration of the Period of Expulsion. The specific arrangements for this counseling program shall be agreed upon by the parties outside of this Stipulation, but shall in any event include a drug counseling component. Should the parties agree that the student will enroll in a counseling program that is not offered by the Putnam School District itself; the parent of the student shall sign a release that will allow the Putnam School District to communicate with the counselor.
 - c) The student shall take a drug test, and the negative results of this test shall be submitted to the Putnam School District prior to his/her early re-entry to school. The drug test shall be administered to the student no sooner than two (2) weeks prior to the date of his/her early re-entry to school. The district may request at any time subsequent random drug tests throughout the Period of Expulsion.
 - d) The student shall complete ten (10) hours of community service at a location that shall be agreed upon by the parties outside of this Stipulation. A signed statement by his/her supervisor for such community service indicating successful completion of the service project shall be submitted to the Putnam School District prior to his/her early re-entry to school.
 - e) During the Period of Expulsion, the student shall commit no further violation of school rule or Board of Education policy, state or Federal law, and shall not engage in any behavior that poses a danger to himself/herself or others, or that disrupts the educational process, whether committed on or off of school grounds.
- 4) If the student meets all the conditions set forth in this agreement a PPT meeting will be held prior to his reentry to determine the best placement of the student at Putnam High School.

Edward Perron moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M. The motion was seconded by Marieanne Viens and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Chairman