

**SPECIAL MEETING - MANSFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL LMC CLASSROOM
MINUTES
March 24, 2011**

Item 1: Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

Those Board members in attendance were Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Ed Neumann, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein and Randy Walikonis.

Also in attendance were: Fred Baruzzi, Superintendent of Schools; Middle School Principal, Jeff Cryan, Middle School Assistant Principal, Candace Morell, Board's Counsel, other appropriate witnesses, as well as the student's father.

Item 2: Confidential Hearing Related to Confidential Student Matter.

Motion by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Neumann: That the Board go into executive session for the purpose of confidential student matters, and invite into executive session all present.

Vote: All voted yes

The Board entered executive session at 5:20 p.m. During the executive session, the Board held the disciplinary hearing.

The Board then came out of executive session and made the following motion:

MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus.

Moved, that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on or about March 10, 2011, possess a dangerous instrument on the school grounds, which constitutes an expellable offence. Therefore, the student is expelled from school.

Vote: All voted yes

MOTION by Mr. Neumann, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to return to executive session at 6:05pm.

After excusing all but the Board's counsel, deliberated on the matter. The Board then came out of executive session and made the following motion.

MOTION by Mr. Neumann, seconded by Mrs. Kelly

Moved, that the Student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled for a period of one calendar year.

During the period of expulsion, the student shall be provided with an alternative educational opportunity.

Except as otherwise required by the alternative educational opportunity, the student shall not be allowed on school grounds during the expulsion period.

Should the student adequately progress in his alternative educational opportunity, as determined by the Superintendent of Schools, the student may return to school as early as June 1, 2011.

If at any time during the expulsion period, the student violates any Board policies or rules, the full term of the expulsion may be reinstated by the Superintendent of Schools.

Vote: All voted yes

Item 3: Adjournment.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to adjourn at 7:12pm

Vote: All voted yes