

A Special Meeting of the Ellington Board of Education was held on Friday, May 26, 2023, in the Board of Education Conference Room, 47 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Angie Moser.

PRESENT Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Fred Dorsey, Attorney for the Board of Education

ALSO PRESENT Ms. Angie Moser, Board Member
Mr. Gary Blanchette, Board Member
Ms. Miriam Underwood, Board Member
Dr. Kristy LaPorte, Director of Special Services
Mr. Daniel Stefanski, Teacher, Ellington High School
Student who is subject of the hearing and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

MOTION First: M. Underwood
Second: G. Blanchette
Move that this committee of the Ellington Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records, or the information contained therein, as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(b)(2) (11) and (17). Further, that the committee invite the following individuals to attend the executive session: Student, Student's Family, Superintendent Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Board's Counsel Frederick L. Dorsey, Dr. Kristy Laporte, Dan Stefanski
The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session began at 1:15 p.m.

At 1:16 p.m., the Superintendent, Parent, and Student who is the subject of the hearing departed.

At 1:35 p.m. all who departed re-entered the meeting.

The Executive Session ended at 1:46 p.m.

MOTION First: M. Underwood
Second: G. Blanchette
Move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Ellington Board of Education shall expel the Student discussed in Executive Session from attendance at Ellington High School for the period from May 18, 2023, through and including October 27, 2023, for the reasons presented by the Administration in this hearing and the Stipulated Agreement. Further, the Board directs the Administration to offer an alternative educational opportunity to the Student for the period of this expulsion, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d). The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission on or after the start of the 2023-24 school year, if the Student meets the conditions for early readmission provided in the Stipulated Agreement, which will be attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Upon any early readmission, the Student will be on probation for the remainder of the expulsion period but will be allowed to participate in school activities. During this period of probation, the Student must meet all the probationary conditions specified in the Stipulated Agreement. If these conditions are not met during the probationary period, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the remaining term of the Student's expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board. The Board further directs the Administration, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on the Student's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if the Student graduates from high school. Finally, the Board authorizes Angela Moser and Fred Dorsey to communicate in writing to the Student and/or his/her parents, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's Executive Session discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

First: M. Underwood

Second: G. Blanchette

To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (1:48 p.m.)

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Angie Moser, Board Member

