

A Special Meeting of the Ellington Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, in the Board of Education Conference Room, 47 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Jennifer Dzen.

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

ALSO PRESENT Ms. Jennifer Dzen, Board Chair
Mr. Gary Blanchette, Board Member
Ms. Marcia Kupferschmid, Board Member
Ms. Kerry Socha, Board Member
Student who is subject of the hearing and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

MOTION First: M. Kupferschmid
Second: G. Blanchette
To move to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(b)(2), (11) and (17) and invite in Fred Dorsey, Attorney for the Board, Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent, and Dr. Kristy LaPorte, Director of Special Services.
The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session began at 1:01 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., the Superintendent, Parent, and Student who is the subject of the hearing departed.

At 2:12 p.m. all who departed re-entered the meeting.

The Executive Session ended at 2:17 p.m.

MOTION First: M. Kupferschmid
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 December 7, 2022, until March 8, 2023, for the reasons presented by the Administration in this hearing and in accordance with the stipulation presented to the Board by the parties. 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 as determined by the Planning and Placement Team ("PPT"). The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission on January 3, 2023. During the period of readmission, the Student will be allowed to participate in all school activities. Upon readmission, the student will be on probation until March 8, 2023, and must continue to meet the conditions provided for in the stipulation presented to the Board. If such an incident occurs or the student violates any of the other conditions of the probation, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the unserved portion of

the 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 Jennifer Dzen and Frederick Dorsey to communicate in writing to the student and/or his/her parents, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons, therefore, consistent with the Board's Executive Session discussion.

Ayes - J. Dzen, G. Blanchette and M. Kupferschmid

Nay - K. Socha

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

First: K. Socha

Second: G. Blanchette

To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (2:25 p.m.)

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Dzen, Board Chair

