

A Special Meeting of the Ellington Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, in the Board of Education Conference Room on 47 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Kerry Socha.

PRESENT Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools

ALSO PRESENT Ms. Kerry Socha, Board Vice-Chair
Ms. Marcia Kupferschmid, Board Member
Ms. Miriam Underwood, Board Member
Mr. Fred Dorsey, Attorney for the Board
Student who is subject of the hearing and their Parent/Guardian

MOTION First: M. Kupferschmid
Second: M. Underwood
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). The Student, Parent, and Dr. Scott Nicol were invited into the session.
The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session began at 9:09 a.m.

At 9:32 a.m., the Superintendent, Parent, and Student who is the subject of the hearing departed.

At 9:47 a.m. all who departed re-entered the meeting.

The Executive Session ended at 9:53 a.m.

MOTION First: M. Kupferschmid
Second: M. Underwood
To move that the Ellington Board of Education 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 Middle School for the period from December 7, 2023, through and including March 1, 2024 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 administration. The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission on December 22, 2023, if the student meets all the conditions provided for in the Stipulated Agreement, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit B. 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 conditions described in the Stipulated Agreement. See, Exhibit B. If these conditions are not met during the probation period, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the remaining term of the student's expulsion without the necessity of 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 Kerry Socha and Attorney Fred 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.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

First: M. Underwood

Second: M. Kupferschmid

To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (9:53 a.m.)

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Kerry Socha, Board Vice-Chair