

**East Granby Board of Education
East Granby, Connecticut
Special Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. Robert Loomis
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mrs. Amanda Cormier

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Antonio DeMelo, Principal EGHS
Patrick Gustafson, Asst. Principal EGHS
Attorney Kyle McClain, Represented Administrators
Attorney Steve Sedor, Board's Procedural Advisor
Scott Menard, School Resource Officer
The "Parents" of Student
The "Student"
Attorney Rachel Griffin, Student's Attorney
Attorney Kevin Sanidad, Student's Attorney

Board Members Absent:

Mr. John Welsh

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The special meeting was called to order at 5:23 pm, and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance

The Executive Session was called to order at approximately 5:25 pm.

II. Confidential Student Matter

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Corcoran for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss a matter involving a student that would likely result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210, subsections (b)(2), (11) and (17). The Board invited the following individuals into executive session: The Parents of Student, The Student, Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Antonio DeMelo, Patrick Gustafson, Attorney McClain, Attorney Sedor, Scott Menard, Attorney Griffin, and Attorney Sanidad. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

The Board returned to regular session at approximately 7:22 pm.

MOTION: It is hereby moved as follows that the student, who is the subject of this proceeding, did on February 17, 2023, for reasons discussed in executive session, engage in conduct that violated policies of the board, was seriously disruptive of the educational process, and endangered persons; therefore, the student has committed an expellable offense. The student shall be expelled from the East Granby Public Schools, including all school activities, for a period of one calendar year effective February 18, 2023 and ending on February 17, 2024. During the period of expulsion, the student shall not be permitted on school grounds without the permission of the superintendent. During the period of expulsion, the student shall receive an alternative education in accordance with the student's section 504 plan and as provided by the administration in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 10-233d. The student may, at the discretion of the superintendent, re-enter school, including all school activities, on the first day of the 2023-2024 school year on a probationary basis if he meets the following conditions: he regularly attends the alternative education and receives passing grades; he refrains from any further conduct that would warrant suspension or expulsion; and he meets with the school support staff at a frequency and duration to be determined by the school administration. If the student is readmitted early, he shall continue to refrain from any conduct

that warrants suspension or expulsion. If he engages in any such offense, the superintendent may reinstate the balance of the expulsion period without a further hearing of the board. The board chair shall coordinate with the boards procedural advisor to prepare the written decision of the board and the chair is hereby authorized to sign and issue the decision. A motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Mark Andrews. *Motion passed unanimously.*

III. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran seconded by Mark Andrews to adjourn the special meeting. *Motion passed unanimously.* The special meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Bortz
Board Secretary

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