

**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
Liddy Doyle, Special Education Teacher
The "Parents" of Student
The "Student"

Board Members Absent:

Mr. John Welsh

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The special meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm, and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance

The Executive Session was called to order at approximately 7:40 pm.

II. Confidential Student Matter

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, 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 Student, Parents of The Student, Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Antonio DeMelo, Patrick Gustafson, Attorney McClain, Attorney Sedor, Scott Menard, and Liddy Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Board returned to regular session at approximately 9:01 pm.

MOTION: It is hereby moved as follows that the student did on February 17, 2023, for the reasons discussed in executive session, engage in conduct that violated publicized policies of the board, was substantially disruptive of the education process, and endangered persons; therefore, the student committed an expellable offense. As a result, the student shall be expelled from the East Granby Public Schools, and all school activities, for one calendar year effective February 18, 2023 and ending February 17, 2024. During the expulsion period, the student shall not be permitted on school grounds except with the permission of the superintendent. During the period of expulsion, the student shall receive an alternative education as provided by the administration in accordance with the student's IEP and in accordance with Connecticut Statute section 10-233d. The student shall be eligible for early readmission on the first day of the 2023-2024 school year, including all school activities, if, in the sole discretion of the superintendent, the student meets the following conditions: the student shall satisfactorily attend and participate in regular counseling whether in the form of counseling provided by the school or private counseling at the parents expense in a manner and frequency determined by the superintendent of schools, in her sole discretion, and that the family provides evidence of such attendance and participation to the superintendent when requested. The student's parents must consent to the

provider of the counseling to communicate with the superintendent, or her designee, to receive updates regarding the student's participation and progress. Next, that the student must submit to random drug test, provides copies of the results of such drug testing to the superintendent of schools, and pass all such test as determined by the provider of such testing. Such drug testing must include at three test with the most recent test occurring no earlier than two weeks prior to the first day of school. Student's parents must consent to the provider of the drug testing to communicate with the superintendent or her designee, to receive the results of such drug testing. Next, that the student satisfactorily attends and participates in the alternative educational opportunity as determined by the superintendent in her sole discretion. Next, that the student agrees to base his senior Capstone Project on a mutually agreed topic between the superintendent, the parents, and the student's case manager, and that the student meets all deadlines for such project. Next, that the student does not commit any offense which constitutes an out of school suspension or disciplinary consequence and the student performs community service in a minimum number of hours as determined by the superintendent. If the student is readmitted early, it shall be on a probationary basis. As part of such probation, the student must satisfy the following criteria during the remaining period of expulsion: he shall continue to participate in the regular counseling (previously mentioned) and he must continue to submit to random drug testing in a frequency determined by the superintendent of schools, or her designee, in her sole discretion. Any positive drug result may result in the superintendent imposing the balance of the expulsion period. Next, that the student continue to work with the superintendent and his case manager on his Capstone Project and continue to meet regular progress deadlines. Nest, the student does not commit any offense that warrants out of school suspension or expulsion as a disciplinary consequence. If he commits such an offense, the superintendent shall be able to impose the balance of the expulsion without a further hearing of the board. Finally, the board chair shall coordinate with the board's procedural advisor to prepare the written decision of the board and the chair shall be authorized to sign and issue the decision. A motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by John Corcoran. ***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 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Bortz
Board Secretary

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