

**East Granby Board of Education
East Granby, Connecticut
Special Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2023**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. Robert Loomis
Mr. Ricky Bortz

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Timothy Phelan, Principal EGMS
Attorney Kyle McClain, Represented Administrators
Attorney Daniel Murphy, Board's Procedural Advisor
Paul DaCruz, State Police Trooper
Attorney Ryan Barry, Represented Student
The "Parents" of Student
The "Student"

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The special meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance

The Executive Session was called to order at approximately 10:23 a.m..

II. Confidential Student Matter

MOTION: a motion was made by Robert Loomis, seconded by Ricky Bortz 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, Attorney Kyle McClain, Timothy Phelan, Paul DaCruz, and Attorney Ryan Barry. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

The Board returned to regular session at approximately 4:52 p.m.

MOTION: I move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 10-233(d), the East Granby Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at East Granby Middle School and from presence on school grounds and school sponsored activities per the period from April 28, 2023 until March 20, 2024 for the reasons presented by the administration in this hearing. Further, the administration is directed to offer the student an alternative educational opportunity pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 10-233(d) for the period of this expulsion consistent with guidelines issued by the Connecticut State Department of Education. The student shall be permitted to return to school on the first day of the second quarter of the 2023-2024 school year if the student meets the following conditions in the sole discretion of the superintendent of schools: 1) the student regularly attends and participates in the alternative educational opportunity offered and remains in good academic standing upon report of the teachers, tutors, or other persons administering such alternative educational opportunity; 2) the student complies with all safety measures deemed appropriate by the teachers, tutors, or other persons administering the alternative educational opportunity; 3) the student regularly attends and satisfactorily completes and/or participates in a counseling program. Such program shall be a program offered by the district as part of any alternative educational opportunity provided to the student unless the superintendent agrees to another program. The student's parents must agree to sign any release as necessary to allow the district to communicate with the agreed upon counselors to confirm the student's attendance and participation in such counseling program. Documentation of attendance and completion, if appropriate of such program, must be provided within two weeks of the date of early readmission; 4)

the student participates in and completes a risk assessment by a provider chosen by the superintendent; 5) the student commits no violation of school rules or board policy for which suspension or expulsion is a disciplinary consequence and does not engage in any behavior that poses a danger to self or others or property or that is disruptive to the educational process whether occurring on or off school grounds; 6) prior to readmission but no earlier than two weeks prior to the date of early readmission, the student and the student's parents submit a written request for early readmission to the superintendent of schools stating that the forgoing conditions have been met and providing any necessary proofs of compliance. Failure to meet conditions 1-6 above shall be grounds for the superintendent of schools to deny the student's application for early readmission to school. If the student is granted early readmission to school, such early readmission shall be on a probationary basis for the remainder of the period of expulsion. During such probationary period, as a condition of continuing early readmission to school, the student shall be required to meet the following conditions satisfaction of which to be determined in the opinion and at the discretion of the superintendent of school: a) during such probationary period, the student shall commit no violation of school rules or board policy for which suspension or expulsion is a disciplinary consequence and shall not engage in any behavior that poses a danger to self or others or property or that is disruptive of the educational process whether occurring on or off school grounds; b) the student regularly attends and participates in a counseling program offered by the district or an outside provider approved by the superintendent. The parents must agree to sign any release necessary to allow the district to communicate with the agreed upon counselors to confirm the student's attendance and participation in such counseling program; c) while on school grounds, the student shall be subject to and shall submit to random searches of the student's person or belongings including but not limited to the students backpack for prohibited items. The specific procedures for such searches shall be determined by the school administration; d) the student and the student's parents agree that the student shall be transported to and from school by a van or other alternative transportation during the probationary period for the remainder of the period of expulsion as determined by the superintendent. Failure to satisfy items a-d shall be grounds for the superintendent of schools to reinstate the unserved period of expulsion and require the student to serve the remainder of the period of expulsion out of school without the need to convene a new expulsion proceeding or the superintendent may otherwise commence new disciplinary proceedings. The administration is further directed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute section 10-233(d) sub (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. The board shall communicate in writing the decision and reasons therefore to the student and the student's parents. A motion was made by Robert Loomis, seconded by Ricky Bortz. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

III. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Robert Loomis seconded by Ricky Bortz to adjourn the special meeting. ***Motion passed unanimously.*** The special meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Bortz
Board Secretary

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.