

# ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES

**PLACE:** ANSONIA BOARD OF EDUCATION **DATE:** December 07, 2017 **TIME:** 1:00 P.M.

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** William Nimons, President

<b>MEMBERS OF THE BOARD</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>LATE (time)</b>
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	X		
Mr. John Izzo		X	
Mrs. Tracey Delibero	X		
Mr. William Nimons, President	X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps		X	
Mr. Joe Jeanette		X	
Mr. Vincent Scarlata		X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

Attorney Fred Dorsey read the call of the meeting and explained the conditions under which the hearing would take place. Mr. Nimons then made the following motion:

**MOTION** to Move that the Board enter executive session at 1:03 pm to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records, or the information contained therein, as described in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b)(2), (11) and (17). Further, that the following individuals be invited to attend the executive session:

1. Student
2. Student's family
3. Superintendent
4. Assistant Superintendent
5. High School Principal
6. High School Dean of Students
7. Police Officer
8. Board's Council

Attendees: Dr. Carol Merlone, Superintendent of Schools; The student who is subject of the expulsion proceedings; Assistant Superintendent; Joe DiBacco, The parent(s)/guardian of the student who is subject of the expulsion proceedings; Attorney Fred Dorsey, the Board's procedural advisor; Mr. Terri Goldson, Principal A.H.S.; Mr. Tom Brockett, Dean of Students, AHS; Officer Barry, SRO.

	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	1	X		
Mr. John Izzo				
Mrs. Tracey Delibero		X		
Mr. William Nimons, President	2	X		

Mr. Christopher Phipps				
Mr. Joe Jeanette				
Mr. Vincent Scarlata				
TOTAL		3	0	

**MOTION:** To return to public session at 1:07 p.m. for a break.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	1	X		
Mr. John Izzo				
Mrs. Tracey Delibero	2	X		
Mr. William Nimons, President		X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps				
Mr. Joe Jeanette				
Mr. Vincent Scarlata				
TOTAL		3	0	

**MOTION:** To enter back into executive session at 1:15p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	2	X		
Mr. John Izzo				
Mrs. Tracey Delibero	1	X		
Mr. William Nimons, President		X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps				
Mr. Joe Jeanette				
Mr. Vincent Scarlata				
TOTAL		3	0	

**MOTION:** To return to public session at 1:35 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	2	X		
Mr. John Izzo				
Mrs. Tracey Delibero	1	X		
Mr. William Nimons, President		X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps				
Mr. Joe Jeanette				
Mr. Vincent Scarlata				
TOTAL		3	0	

**MOTION:** Move that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Ansonia Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Ansonia High School for the period from November 6, 2017 until November 5, 2018 for the reasons presented by the Administration in this hearing and the Stipulation provided by the parties. The Board further accepts all provisions of the Stipulation as the basis for its decision.

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(d) as determined by a duly convened planning and placement team and in accordance with the regulations of the State Department of Education.

The Board further directs the administration, pursuant to Connecticut General Studies Section 10-233(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, or in accordance with then-existing Board policy or State law.

Finally, the Board authorizes William Nimons and Attorney Fred Dorsey to communicate in writing to the Student and/or his/her parents/guardians/attorney, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	1	X		
Mr. John Izzo				
Mrs. Tracey Delibero	2	X		
Mr. William Nimons, President		X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps				
Mr. Joe Jeanette				
Mr. Vincent Scarlata				
<b>TOTAL</b>		3	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson  
Recording Secretary  
December 10, 2017