

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: ANSONIA BOARD OF EDUCATION **DATE:** November 09, 2017 **TIME:** 1:00 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: PRESIDENT William Nimons

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE (time)
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	X		
Mr. John Izzo	X		
Mrs. Aretta Kotalis		X	
Mr. William Nimons, President	X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps		X	
Mr. Carmen Pitney		X	
Mr. Vincent Scarlata		X	
TOTAL	3	4	0

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 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's Parents and Representatives
2. Superintendent
3. Assistant Superintendent
4. Board's Counsel
5. Middle School Principal
6. Middle School Security Guard

Dr. Carol Merlone, Superintendent of Schools;
The student who is subject of the expulsion proceedings; The parent(s)/guardian of the student who is subject of the expulsion proceedings; Attorney Fred Dorsey, the Board's procedural advisor; Ansonia Middle School Principal; Mr. Michael Marotto

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	2	X		
Mr. John Izzo	1	X		
Mrs. Aretta Kotalis				
Mr. William Nimons, President		X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps				

Mr. Carmen Pitney				
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	2	X		
Mrs. Aretta Kotalis				
Mr. William Nimons, President		X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps				
Mr. Carmen Pitney				
Mr. Vincent Scarlata				
TOTAL		3	0	

MOTION: To enter back into executive session at 1:30p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	1	X		
Mr. John Izzo	2	X		
Mrs. Aretta Kotalis				
Mr. William Nimons, President		X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps				
Mr. Carmen Pitney				
Mr. Vincent Scarlata				
TOTAL		3	0	

MOTION: To return to public session at 1:40 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	2	X		
Mr. John Izzo	1	X		
Mrs. Aretta Kotalis				
Mr. William Nimons, President		X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps				
Mr. Carmen Pitney				
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 Middle School for the period from October 13, 2017 until the beginning of the fourth (4th) marking period of the 2017-18 school year, for the reasons presented by the School Administration in this hearing.

Further, the Board directs the School Administration to establish and offer an alternative educational opportunity to the student for the period of this expulsion, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d), which should include such time and services as the Superintendent deems necessary to meet the Student's needs.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission at any point during the expulsion as she deems it appropriate for the Student.

If readmitted early, the Student will be on probation for the remainder of the original period of expulsion. During the probation period, the Student must maintain passing grades; and not be involved in any serious disciplinary incidents as determined by the Superintendent.

If such an incident occurs or the Student violates any of the other conditions of his/her probation, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the unserved portion of her/his expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board.

The Board further directs the School Administration, pursuant to CT 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, or as in accordance with the Board's then-existing policies and/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/guardian/attorney, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	2	X		
Mr. John Izzo	1	X		
Mrs. Aretta Kotalis				
Mr. William Nimons, President		X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps				
Mr. Carmen Pitney				
Mr. Vincent Scarlata				
TOTAL		3	0	

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi	2	X		
Mr. John Izzo	1	X		
Mrs. Aretta Kotalis				
Mr. William Nimons, President		X		
Mr. Christopher Phipps				
Mr. Carmen Pitney				
Mr. Vincent Scarlata				
TOTAL		3	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson
Recording Secretary
December 14, 2015