

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: ANSONIA BOARD OF EDUCATION **DATE:** November 10, 2017 **TIME:** 11:00 A.M.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: William Nimons, President

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 Move that the Board enter executive session at 11:04 am 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 Parent
3. Superintendent
4. Board's Counsel
5. High School Principal

Attendees: 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;
Mr. Terri Goldson, Principal A.H.S.

	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 11:24 a.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 11:25 a.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: To return to public session at 11:45 a.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 27, 2017 until end of the 2017-18 school year, for the reasons presented by the School Administration in this hearing and admitted to by the Student and the Student's parent.

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 at least ten (10) hours of tutoring per week and be in compliance with State department of Education regulations.

The Board further directs the School Administration, pursuant to Connecticut 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/guardians/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 11:49a.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	

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson
Recording Secretary
December 11, 2017