

PROCEEDINGS
Board of Education
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11
1854 East Broadway
Alton, IL 62002
October 25, 2016
7:30 A.M.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administrative Center, 1854 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

The following board members answered present: Ed Gray, David Fritz, David Lauschke, Vivian Monckton, Barry Macias, and George Terry Absent was: David Goins

Others who were present: Mark Cappel, Interim Superintendent; Mike Bellm, Alton High School Principal; Mike Brey, Alton High School Assistant Principal; Deputy Dunham, Madison County Sheriff's Office; Larry Busch, Hearing Officer; Kara Twichell, Secretary to the Board of Education and Teri Trapani, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent

Student No. 970669, parents/guardians were present.

Motion: Approval of Agenda of Special Meeting

It was moved by Ms. Monckton, seconded by Mr. Lauschke and carried unanimously that the Board of Education approve the agenda of special meeting.

Citizen Statement: None

Motion: Close Session

It was moved by Ms. Monckton, seconded by Mr. Lauschke and carried unanimously that the Board of Education adjourn to a closed session meeting for the purpose of conducting a student disciplinary hearing.

Motion: Open Session

It was moved by Ms. Monckton, seconded by Mr. Lauschke and carried unanimously that the Board of Education resume in open session.

Motion: Action on Student Discipline Hearing

It was moved by Ms. Monckton, seconded by Mr. Lauschke and carried unanimously that the Board of Education, after considering evidence and mitigation witnesses, finds as follows: based upon and after the Board's consideration of the evidence and testimony of the expulsion hearing held on October 25, 2016, the Board of Education find that Student No. 970669 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student No. 970669 committed the act of Use, Possession or Distribution of Non-Prescribed Drugs and Look-alike Drugs, Narcotics, and Paraphernalia and Engaging in Activity that Constitutes an Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on October 11, 2016 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

I move that the Board of Education expel Student No. 970669 for two years (October 25, 2016 – October 25, 2018, with the opportunity to return on Principal’s Probation January 2018 based on good grades, attendance and discipline at the Safe School) but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student No. 970669 be administratively transferred to an alternative school as determined by the District’s Administration, pursuant to Article 13A of the Illinois School Code. Prior to considering a recommendation for expulsion, the District’s Administration attempted other behavioral and disciplinary interventions and determined there are no other appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions. The interventions previously attempted with the student included: The Student Handbook and Agenda that is passed out at Registration. The Back-to-School Assembly covers student behavior and expectations. Suspended Curriculum is presented in each classroom over the first two days of school. There is signage at various locations around school to remind students of expectations in those areas. There is supervision in the areas where the students can congregate in the mornings.

Removing Student No. 970669 from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school because this student’s continued presence in school would pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff or members of the school community and substantially disrupt, impede or interfere with the operation of the school. The duration of Student No. 970669’s expulsion is appropriate based upon the gravity of the misconduct, the illegal nature of the misconduct, the safety concerns and disruption caused by the misconduct, and prior behavioral and disciplinary interventions to support the student and promote acceptable behavior.

The expulsion being held in abeyance is contingent upon the student’s full participation in the alternative school program, including regularly attending school; complying with attendance policies, school rules, and any referrals for services or counseling made by the alternative school; and successfully completing the alternative school’s curriculum.

I move that should Student No. 970669 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student No. 970669 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration’s recommended expulsion duration, through October 25, 2018.

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:13 a.m.

President

Secretary