

PROCEEDINGS
Board of Education
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11
550 Landmarks Blvd., Suite A
Held at AHS- 4200 Humbert Road, Alton IL
Alton, IL 62002
October 5, 2018 E-1
8:00 a.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Alton High School, 4200 Humber Rd., Alton, Illinois at 8:04 a.m. on Friday, October 5, 2018.

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

Others who were present: Mark Cappel, Superintendent; Cindy Inman, Alton Middle School Principal; Marcie Sedabres, Alton Middle School Assistant Principal; Larry Busch, Hearing Officer; Doug Schaeffer, Alton Police Department and Kara Twichell, Secretary to the Board of Education

Student # 230096, aunt/guardian, grandfather and friend (Mr. Grizzle) were present.

Motion: Approval of Agenda of Special Meeting

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

Citizen Statement: None

Motion: Close Session

It was moved by Ms. Monckton, seconded by Mrs. Brown 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 Mrs. Brown, 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 3, 2018, the Board of Education finds that Student # 230096 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student # 230096 committed: Fighting/Entering into an Existing Fight, Disorderly Conduct and Engaging in Activity that Constitutes an Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on September 21, 2018 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education expel Student # 230096 for 8 months (October 5, 2018 through May 31, 2019), but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student # 230096 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.

Interventions:

Student # 230096 enrolled at Alton Middle School on August 23.

August 23- Suspended curriculum - Teachers covered issues surrounding bullying and harassment through lessons within their classroom. Students viewed a presentation during UA classes where they were taught specific skills to handle harassment, bullying, and peer pressure. Student # 230096 was present at school on this day.

September 7- Boys in the 8th grade in the Annex building were called to a meeting in the cafeteria before lunch to specifically discuss physical aggression and similar topics. Expellable offenses were discussed at this meeting. Student # 230096 was present at school on this day.

Week of September 17- During announcements, Mrs. Inman discussed the dance on September 21. She explicitly discussed behaviors at the dance. It was announced that students who had issues at the dance would be subject to school consequences. Fighting was specifically mentioned on one or more of the announcements. Student # 230096 was present at school during announcements three days during this week.

Ongoing discussions have happened in classrooms, during lunches, and on announcements throughout this school year reminding students of the consequences of fighting at school.

At the dance on September 21, Ms. Harris addressed Student # 230096 regarding an issue he was having with another student. Ms. Harris sent him to the cafeteria for the remainder of the dance and told him to stay away from the other students.

The expulsion being held in abeyance is contingent upon the student's full participation in the 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.

Be it moved that should Student # 230096 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student # 230096 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration. DOB 10/10/04

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary