

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-5
11:15 a.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at Alton High School, 4200 Humbert Rd., Alton, Illinois at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, October 5, 2018.

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

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

Student #239421 and mother 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 Ms. Monckton, seconded by Mrs. Brown 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 Mrs. Brown 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 #239421 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student #239421 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 #239421 for 8 months (October 5, 2018 through May 31, 2019), but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student #239421 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:

- Social work groups focusing on Anger and Coping Skills
- Monitor movement in the hallway
- Check in with UA teachers, lunch staff, and staff supervising before/after school
- Structured environment with little movement throughout the day
- Removal from classroom/situation when behaviors begin to escalate
- Conference with student, staff, and parent
- Social work services
- Assignments administered in alternate location
- Peer and Staff mediations as needed
- Classroom point-based incentive program
- Behavioral contracts
- In room consequences as an alternative to ICE or OSS
- Structured breaks with time limits
- Think Sheets

August 21- Suspended Curriculum- Teachers reviewed classroom procedures and school-wide expectations. Student #239421 was present.

August 22- Suspended Curriculum - Teachers reviewed sections of the handbook which includes expellable offenses. Students also attended a discipline meeting with all AMS administrators. Expellable offenses were discussed at this meeting. Student #239421 was present.

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 #239421 was present.

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 #239421 was present September 17, 18, 19, and 21.

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

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 #239421 fail to fully participate in the special education alternative school program and the special education alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student #239421 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration.
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President Gray adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Board President

Board Secretary