

PROCEEDINGS
Board of Education
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11
550 Landmarks Blvd., Suite A
Alton, IL 62002
November 14, 2018 E-1
5:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the 550 Landmarks Blvd., Suite A, Alton, Illinois at 5:02 p.m. on November 14, 2018.

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

Others who were present: Mark Cappel, Superintendent; Mike Bellm, Alton High School Principal; Karen Botterbush, Supervisor of Special Education; Doug Schaeffer, Alton Police Department; Larry Busch, Hearing Officer and Kara Twichell, Secretary to the Board of Education

Student # 220244 nor family 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 a 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 (except for Rosetta Brown who voted no) 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 November 12, 2018, the Board of Education finds that Student # 220244 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student # 220244 committed: Fighting/Entering into an Existing Fight and Engaging in Activity that Constitutes an Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on October 31, 2018 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education expel Student # 220244 for 2 years (November 14, 2018 through November 14, 2020), but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student # 220244 be administratively transferred to a *special education* 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 for Student # 220244:

General Interventions:

- The School Calendar distributed at Registration.
 - This includes the Student Discipline Policy.
- Suspended Curriculum and Classroom Management Plan(s) covered with student in each classroom.
 - This covers a variety of topics about behaviors and expectations at Alton High School.
- Each of these things is done each school year. Student # 220244 has been through the beginning of the year Suspended Curriculum and ACUSD Expellable Offenses at Alton Middle School, as well.

Specific Interventions for Student # 220244:

- July - August:
 - AMS referral for The Success Academy at AHS. Change of placement and IEP not completed before August 2018; therefore placement in AHS 9th grade with continuation of IEP and BIP. ASA Contract expectations (attendance, grades, conduct).
 - Mrs. Marconi, Assistant Principal, maintained phone communication/met with Ms. Saulsberry and Student # 220244 to review placement. Conversations included review of AMS discipline, expellable offenses, AHS expectations.
- August:
 - Welcome and informal transition conference with Guidance Counselor and, separately, Administration (Nicole Marconi) to review school expectations, schedule, tour of building, locker, ID tag, chromebook, etc.
 - Conference with Administrator (Nicole Marconi) to review AHS Suspended Curriculum and The Success Academy.
- September 17, 2018:
 - In-School Suspension for defiance /noncompliance. Due process and conference with Administrator. Review of school expectations.
- September:
 - Ongoing review of academic progress. Case manager and teacher collaboration on planning/implementation of interventions and accommodations.
 - Meeting scheduled to review and amend IEP/placement for October 18, 2018
 - Christina Smith, Guidance Counselor, communication and collaboration with Middle School case manager/teachers to determine prior successful interventions and positive rewards for BIP.
- August - October:
 - Noelle Morrese, Case Manager, communication and collaboration with teachers on IEP, goals, accommodations and progress.
 - Catherine Keller, Resource Teacher, distributed and communicated accommodations for Student # 220244 to teachers.
 - Christina Smith, Guidance Counselor, conference and support. Student initiated visit, as well as staff initiated.
- October 18, 2018:
 - Review of Placement and Amendments. Parent did not attend.

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 # 220244 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student # 220244 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration. DOB 1/8/04

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary