

PROCEEDINGS
Board of Education
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11
1854 East Broadway
Alton, IL 62002
November 15, 2016
5:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administrative Center, 1854 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2016.

The following board members answered present: David Fritz, Ed Gray, David Lauschke, Vivian Monckton, George Terry, and David Goins Barry Macias arrived at 5:05 p.m.

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; Karen Botterbush, Supervisor of Special Education; Dorothy Mosby; Assistant Principal at Alton High School; Stacie Franke, Dean of MAC Center; Samantha Take, Administrative Intern

Student No. 970337 was not present. Diane Shobe (adopted parent) was 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. Fritz 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 November 8, 2016, the Board of Education find that Student No. 970337 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student No. 970337 committed Assault & Battery, Defiance of Authority and Engaging in Activity that

Constitutes an Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on October 27, 2016 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education expel Student No. 970337 for two years (November 15, 2016 – November 15, 2018, but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student No. 970337 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.

General Interventions for the Classroom:

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.

Classroom syllabus addresses expectations in the classroom.

Students are asked to sign the syllabus and a copy is filed with the teacher as proof that they have read and understand the expectations.

Specific Interventions:

Austin has received, in the past, Special Education services which include social work services, art therapy, and social tutor services. Austin's mother terminated services.

Austin also previously received a detailed safety plan when he was in the BD program at Alton High School.

There is a classroom syllabus that addresses classroom expectations. Electronics are specifically addressed in the syllabus.

All students can request to see a school social worker or school guidance counselor to resolve any conflicts that they have.

School expectations are reviewed at the all school assembly that was held at the beginning of the year.

There was an assistant principal nearby to address the student after the incident had happened.

There was a security guard that took the student to the Main Office so that the student could receive due process.

Austin also received services from DCFS Educational Advocate.

Removing Student No. 970337 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. 970337'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. 970337 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student No. 970337 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration, through November 15, 2018. DOB 5/17/99

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

President

Secretary