

PROCEEDINGS
Board of Education
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11
1854 East Broadway
Alton, IL 62002
November 15, 2016
5:45 P.M.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administrative Center, 1854 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois at 5:58 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2016.

The following board members answered present: David Fritz, Ed Gray, David Lauschke, Vivian Monckton, George Terry, and Barry Macias David Goins arrived at 6:01 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; Matt Claxton, Assistant Superintendent; Samantha Take, Administrative Intern

Student No. 190012 was not present. Ms. Caldwell (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 Mr. Lauschke, seconded by Ms. Monckton 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. 190012 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student No. 190012 committed Assault & Battery, Disorderly Conduct 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. 190012 for two years (November 15, 2016 – November 15, 2018, but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student No. 190012 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.

There is signage at various locations around the school to remind students of expectations at Alton High School.

There is supervision in the areas where the students can congregate in the mornings.

Specific Interventions:

There had been a peer mediation to resolve this issue between Leo and Student D. This had been facilitated by Angela Gray (social worker) and was in conjunction with two community members.

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.

Typically there is at least one administrator and two Security people in the Gym/Auditorium Lobby in the morning until the time when the students are released to go to their classrooms.

There were two administrators very near the place where student D initially confronted Leo who intervened and stepped between the students to separate them.

There was another administrator nearby who called the office for assistance.

There was security in the general area who arrived quickly to separate Leo from Student D.

There was additional security and a teacher who arrived to remove Leo from the stairwell.

There were members of administration who arrived to help restore order to the gym lobby and stairwell.

There was a deputy (school resource officer) who arrived to the gym lobby to assist with deescalating the situation.

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. 190012 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student No. 190012 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 9/8/00

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

President

Secretary