

PROCEEDINGS
Board of Education
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11
1854 East Broadway
Alton, IL 62002
November 21, 2017
5:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administrative Center, 1854 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

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

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

Student #199668, nor family were present.

Motion: Approval of Agenda of Special Meeting

It was moved by Ms. Monckton, seconded by Mr. Fritz 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 Ms. 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 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 21, 2017, the Board of Education finds that Student #199668 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student #199668 committed: Weapons or look-alike and toy guns, Disorderly Conduct, Coercion/Bullying and Engaging in Activity that Constitutes an Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on November 6, 2017 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education expel Student #199668 for 2 years (November 21, 2017 through November 21, 2019), but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student #199668 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:

The Student Handbook and Agenda that is passed out at Registration

 This includes the Student Discipline Policy

The Back-To-School Assembly which covers student behavior and expectations

Suspended Curriculum is presented in each classroom over the first two days of school

 This covers a variety of topics about behaviors and expectations at Alton High School

Specific Interventions for Student #199668

Student has an Individualized Education Plan

He has scheduled time to see his social worker each week

He has a Behavior Intervention Plan

Mr. McLemore has been mentoring student

He is in the Boys Group that works with his social worker

Mr. Booker has been working with student through the mentoring program of the 100 Black Men of Alton.

The expulsion being held in abeyance is contingent upon the student's full participation in the special education 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 #199668 fail to fully participate in the alternative special education school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student #199668 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration. DOB 8/9/01

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary