

PROCEEDINGS
Board of Education
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11
1854 East Broadway
Alton, IL 62002
December 11, 2017
7:30 a.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administrative Center, 1854 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois at 7:34 a.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017.

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

Others who were present: Mark Cappel, Superintendent; Mike Bellm, Alton High School Principal, John Bannister, Alton High School Assistant Principal; Karen Botterbush, Supervisor of Special Education; John Cunningham, Hearing Officer; Deputy Goeken, Madison County Sheriffs Office and Kara Twichell, Secretary to the Board of Education

Student #209721, mother, grandmother and sister 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. Fritz 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 December 6, 2017, the Board of Education finds that Student #209721 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student #209721 committed: Weapons or look-alike Weapons including look-alike and toy guns and Engaging in Activity that Constitutes an Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on November 21, 2017 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education expel Student #209721 for 2 years (December 11, 2017 through December 11, 2019), but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student #209721 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.

Summary of Interventions:

The Student Handbook and Agenda, as well as, the district calendar are distributed during registration or at the beginning of school.

Included are the Student Discipline Policy along with prohibited student conduct.

Each also has a separate section addressing Weapons.

The student and/or parent/guardian are asked to sign that they received these

The Back-to-School Assembly covers student behavior, expectations as well as expellable offenses.

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

This covers a variety of topics regarding behaviors and expectations at Alton High 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.

I move that should Student #209721 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student #209721 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration. DOB 6/17/02

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

Board President

Board Secretary