

PROCEEDINGS  
Board of Education  
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11  
1854 East Broadway  
Alton, IL 62002  
February 20, 2018 E-1  
5:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administrative Center, 1854 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois at 5:07 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

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

Others who were present: Mark Cappel, Superintendent; Cindy Inman, Alton Middle School Principal, Roger Hetge, Alton Middle School Assistant Principal; Larry Busch, Hearing Officer; Doug Schaeffer, Madison County Sheriffs Office and Kara Twichell, Secretary to the Board of Education

Student #220047, mother and father were present. Grandmother arrived at 5:20 p.m.

**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 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. 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 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 February 15, 2018, the Board of Education finds that Student #220047 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student #220047 committed: Assault & Battery, Disorderly Conduct and Engaging in Activity that Constitutes an Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on February 7, 2018 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education expel Student #220047 for 2 years (February 20, 2018 through February 20, 2020), but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student #220047 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:**

- **Each year, administration covers expellable offenses at our back-to-school grade level discipline assembly which was held on August 21, 2017.**
- **Each year, expellable offenses are covered during suspended curriculum during the first days of school.**
- **Each year, administrators review expellable offenses with our students at grade level discipline meetings on January 5, 2018 and during suspended curriculum meetings in each core classroom on January 3, 2018.**

#### **Specific Interventions:**

- **Allowed breaks/cool down locations as needed**
- **Academic work completed in alternate location**
- **Daily check-in's with social work and other staff**
- **Conflict/peer mediations**
- **Coping skills and decision making lessons**
- **Weekly behavior incentives**
- **Preferential/assigned seating**
- **Processing of decision making and situations when they occur**
- **Parent meetings and conferences**
- **Mentoring with adult staff**
- **Restorative Practices**
- **Building movement to decrease energy**
- **Extracurricular activities – Football, Drama Club, Choir**
- **Discipline meetings and conferences**

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 #220047 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student #220047 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration. DOB 6/7/04

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 5:44 a.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary