

PROCEEDINGS  
Board of Education  
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11  
1854 East Broadway  
Alton, IL 62002  
March 13, 2017  
8:45 a.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administrative Center, 1854 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 13, 2017.

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

Others who were present: Mark Cappel, Superintendent; Cindy Inman, Alton Middle School Principal; Nicole Marconi, Alton Middle School Assistant Principal; Marcie Sedabres, Alton Middle School Assistant Principal; Dustin Christner, Brent Bertschi, Douglas Schaeffer, Alton Police Department; John Cunningham, Hearing Officer; Karen Botterbush, Supervisor of Special Education and Kara Twichell, Secretary to the Board of Education

Student No. 218375 was present along with mother and Amanda Hall from the Children's Home and Aid Society

**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. Lauschke and carried unanimously that the Board of Education resume in open session.

**Motion: Action on Student Discipline Hearing**

It was moved by Mr. Lauschke, seconded by Ms. Monckton 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 March 8, 2017, the Board of Education find that Student No. 218375 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student No. 218375 committed Disorderly Conduct and Engaging in Activity that Constitutes an

Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on or about February 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 2017 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education expel Student No. 218375 for one year and three months (March 13, 2017 – May of 2017/2018 and return as a sophomore based on grades), but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student No. 218375 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 and PBIS Assemblies 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.

**Specific Interventions:**

Pam Clemons has received Special Education services which include social work services. All students can request to see a school social worker to resolve any conflicts that they have. In August, administration and social worker began working with Pam to address and resolve peer conflicts through reteaching, conferencing and mediations. Supports continued throughout first semester. A ReEngagement Meeting was held on September 26, 2016. Administration, Pam, and parent met to review violation that resulted in suspension and develop additional interventions. The Safety Plan included a potential change of placement should behaviors continue. At the ReEngagement meeting, parent signed agreement for mentor. A mentor was assigned and worked with Pam from September to January. In October 2016, two IEP meetings were held to review interventions and student progress. Consent for social work was signed by parent and social work services were added to IEP. Due to repeated violations, Pam was moved from the Annex to the Main at the beginning of second semester. All interventions and support of her IEP were continued.

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. 218375 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student No. 218375 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration. DOB 9/5/02

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary