

PROCEEDINGS  
Board of Education  
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11  
550 Landmarks Blvd., Suite A  
Alton, IL 62002  
September 10, 2018 E-2  
6:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administrative Center, 550 Landmarks Blvd., Alton, Illinois at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2018.

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

Others who were present: Mark Cappel, Superintendent; Mike Bellm, Alton High School Principal; Melissa Edwards, Alton High School Assistant Principal; Larry Busch, Hearing Officer; Laura Pohlman, Madison County Sheriffs' Office and Kara Twichell, Secretary to the Board of Education

Student #189977, Guardian (grandmother) and friend 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. Brown 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 Mrs. 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 September 6, 2018, the Board of Education finds that Student #189977 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student #189977 committed: Weapons or Look-A-Like Weapons Including Toy Guns and Engaging in Activity that Constitutes an Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on August 31, 2018 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education expel Student #189977 for 2 years (September 10, 2018 through September 10, 2020), but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student #189977 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:**

- **Each year, administration covers expellable offenses at our back-to-school grade level discipline assembly.**
- **Each year, expellable offenses are covered during suspended curriculum during the first days of school. This covers a variety of topics about behaviors and expectations at Alton High School.**
- **The School Calendar that is passed out at Registration. This includes Student Discipline Policy.**  
Each of these things are done each school year. Ivy has been through the beginning of the year items five times and the beginning of second semester items four times.

**Specific Interventions:**

- **Ivy met with Mrs. Mosby the day before this incident to discuss the issue she was having with another student.**
- **Ivy was allowed to stay in the office during 5<sup>th</sup> hour the day before to prevent any incidents.**

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. Pending success at the Alternative School the student can walk at her graduation.

I move that should Student #189977 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student #189977 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration. DOB 7/21/00

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary