

Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Expulsion Hearing
2/29/2024
Minutes

Members Present:

1. Scott Ragaglia
2. Melanie Wilhelm
3. Cassandra DuBois
4. Rachel McFadden
5. Matthew Cummings

Also Present:

1. Howard Thiery (Superintendent)
2. Chris Rau (LSM Principal)
3. Student
4. Parent

Meeting Called to Order: 6:36 pm by: Melanie Wilhelm

MOTION by Cassandra DuBois: I move that the Board of Education enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which matters of personal privacy of one or more students enrolled in the Region 10 School System are likely to be discussed, by name, and during which educational records not subject to disclosure under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act are likely to be discussed. The Board invites Superintendent Thiery, Principal Rau, the student, and their parent representatives into executive session.

Time: 6:37

Second: Rachel McFadden

Vote: All in Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Return to public session time: 7:43

Motion: by Cassandra DuBois I move that the Board Adopt the Stipulated Agreement regarding all issues of fact.

Second: Rachel McFadden

Vote: All in Favor 5: Opposed 0

Motion: by Scott Ragaglia I move that the Board expel the student who was the subject of the expulsion hearing as follows:

The Student:

- a. will complete a 10-day suspension through March 4, 2024.
- b. will be expelled from participating in or attending any and all school sponsored or school related curricular and extracurricular classes, activities, programs and ceremonies, whether at school or other locations, for **180 school days** and that during the period of expulsion they shall be prohibited

from coming onto school property without making prior arrangements with the Superintendent. The student shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity off campus.

- c. The student will be allowed to return to school on March 18, 2024.
- d. The Board panel sets the following conditions for returning early, the student:
 - (1) Will meaningfully attend and participate in the alternative educational opportunities offered to the student during the student's period of expulsion and will make up all missed work in a reasonable amount of time.
 - (2) Will complete 60 hours of community service by the start of the 2024-2025 school year.
 - (3) Will participate in the Insight counseling program at Lewis Mills High School or a counseling program recommended by their parents and approved by the Superintendent.
 - (4) Will successfully pass a weekly drug test beginning with their return to school and lasting throughout the remaining period of their expulsion up to 180 days.
 - (5) The student will not have any further serious disciplinary incidents at the level of suspension or beyond.
 - (6) If, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the student meets all of these conditions they will be permitted to return to school early as stated above. If they do not, they will serve out the remaining period of their expulsion. If they are permitted to return to school early and fail to fulfill any of the conditions set forth above or becomes involved in any other discipline issue serious enough to warrant any form of suspension the student will immediately return to the students status as an expelled student, without the need for another Board of Education hearing, and will serve out the remaining period of the students expulsion.

Second: Melanie Wilhelm

Vote: All in favor: 5 Opposed:0

Motion and second to adjourn: Cassandra DuBois/Scott Ragaglia; All in favor
non opposed Meeting adjourned at

Time: 7:47 pm