

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
MARCH 6, 2024, 4:15 PM**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, President, called to order the Special Meeting at 4:19 p.m. in the Board Room at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice President, Mr. Gary Ferrari, Mr. Matt Merboth, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mrs. Carol Alcorn

ABSENT: Mr. Scott Pescetto

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to move to executive/closed session for purposes of a) Student Discipline, with open session and possible action items to follow.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Sarver.

Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0. Time 4:20p.m.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 6-0. Time 4:20 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Transfer to Safe Schools Program, Student #1

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to recommend that the Board approve the transfer of Student #2, a student eligible for expulsion, to the LaSalle County Regional Office of Education Safe Schools Program (hereafter the "Program") in lieu of expulsion from March 8, 2024 through July 31, 2024 for observed and recorded multiple handbook infractions at LaSalle-Peru High School. The placement may conclude on May 19, 2024 if Student #2 successfully completes the remaining classes fulfilling graduation requirements. Handbook violations include possession of weapons, drug use, tobacco violations, leaving and returning to campus without permission, truancy, tardiness, cell phone violations, and misconduct in the halls. Despite administration's attempts at re-engagement, meetings with the student and parent, interventions, and prior disciplinary actions, including four (4) suspensions, these behaviors have persisted and now include the incident occurring on February 21, 2024, as set forth within the "Safe Schools Student Transfer Packet" and other materials presented to the Board by the Administration, for which this recommendation is made. Student #2 may possibly return to the District beginning Fall 2024 if the student fails to complete the remaining courses required for graduation in May 2024 and based upon the outcome of the placement meeting at the Program to be conducted in August of 2024. Failure by Student #2 to comply with this transfer shall result in the District implementing an expulsion hearing for the then-

remaining portion of the above-specified term of the transfer to the Program. Student #2 is eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies so long as all graduation requirements are met and the student submits to a physical search prior to the ceremony on campus.

In support of this Motion the Board finds as follows:

- The student's behavior on February 21, 2024, indicates that the Student poses a threat to the safety of other students and staff.
- The student has a history of misbehavior in the District, for which the Student previously had been disciplined. In 2023-2024, as of March 6, 2024, Student #2 has 37 disciplinary referrals. This included four suspensions totaling 28 days out of school, 45 absences, and 20 tardies to class. Handbook infractions included weapon violations, drug use on campus, tobacco violations, misconduct in the halls, truancy, cut classes, and cell phone violations. In 2022-2023, Student #2 had 14 discipline referrals. Handbook infractions included misconduct in the halls and cafeteria, no ID, cut detentions and Saturday Schools, and leaving campus without permission. In 2021-2022, Student #2 had 15 disciplinary referrals. Handbook infractions included misconduct in the halls, tardies, and truancy. In 2020-2021, Student #2 had 6 disciplinary referrals. Handbook infractions included truancy and tardies. Student #2 is currently a senior with 24.5 credits earned toward graduation.
- In light of such behavior removal to the Program is in the best interest of the District. The student remaining in the District would pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, and members of the school community.
- It has been determined by the school administration that there are no other appropriate interventions for this behavior. The administration has determined that placement at the Program in lieu of expulsion is the appropriate intervention.
- Based upon communication with the administration, the Board determines that no other appropriate and available disciplinary interventions exist since all such interventions have been exhausted.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None.

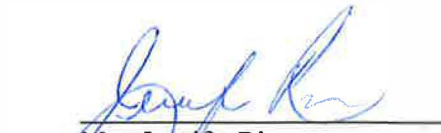
The motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 6-0. Time: 4:36 p.m.


Mr. Greg Sarver
President


Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary