

Cooper River Constituent District 4 Board of Trustees

Special Called Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

In attendance: Edwina Peterson, Carla Gadson, Janna Wilson, Joseph Bennett, Michael Garnett, Chris Collins (6:10), Lala Fyall.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Ms. Peterson moved, with a second from Ms. Wilson to approve the agenda as written. Motion passed 6-0.

III. Department of School Support Presentation

Dr. Shavonna Coakley, Executive Director of School Support and Mr. Eli Lachenman, CCSD General Counsel, Saxton & Stump presented a refresher training session on student discipline.

A motion was made by Ms. Gadson, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to go into Executive Session.

IV. Executive Session:

A. Discipline Hearings (4)

4.66.24 Infraction 789/785: Weapon/Knife blade >2.5 inches

4.64.24 Infraction 020: Major Disruption Level 3

4.67.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2

4.65.24 Infraction 520: Assault, Simple

A motion was made by Ms. Gadson, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to return to Open Session.

V. Open Session Reconvened:

VI. Vote on Executive Session Items:

A. Discipline Hearings

4.66.24 – A motion was made by Rev. Collins, seconded by Ms. Peterson, in lieu of expulsion to return the student to school on district probation through the first semester. Motion passed 4-3. (Wilson, Bennett & Garnett opposed).

4.64.24 – A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Fyall, in lieu of expulsion return the student to school on district probation for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

4.67.24 – A motion was made by Ms. Fyall, seconded by Ms. Peterson, in lieu of expulsion refer the student to the school-based IEP team for alternative placement consideration. Motion passed 4-3 (Gadson, Collins & Garnett opposed).

4.65.24 – Case was heard in absentia. A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Rev. Collins, to expel the student with services through the first semester. Motion passed 6-1. (Gadson abstained)

VII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Approved 1.16.2024