

The Discipline Committee of the Rockbridge County School Board held a special meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at the Rockbridge Innovation Center.

Present: Trustees Corey Berkstresser, Catie Brown, and Lena Ojure; Randy Walters, Chief Operations Officer; Ashley Rhodenizer, Discipline Committee Liaison.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Trustee Berkstresser called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Under Section 2.2-3711.A (2) of the State Code, Trustee Brown recommended that the Board go into a ***Closed Meeting*** to discuss two student discipline matters. Motion was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Ojure, and passed by 3-0 vote.

The Board entered into the ***Closed Meeting*** at 5:19 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 6:59 p.m.

Trustee Brown read the following motion to Certify the Closed Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Rockbridge County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rockbridge County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Upon initial motion of Certification of Closed Meeting by Trustee Brown, and seconded by Trustee Ojure the motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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| Trustee Berkstresser | - Aye |
| Trustee Ojure        | - Aye |
| Trustee Brown        | - Aye |

Upon motion by Trustee Ojure, seconded by Trustee Brown, and passed by unanimous vote, the following action was taken regarding student case number 2526-100-09 as a result of a violation of the student code of conduct.

1. Student will be placed on home-based instruction for the 3rd nine weeks (March 12, 2026).
2. Student must complete 100% of work in Edgenuity, in all 4 core classes, to be considered for a return to school for the 4th nine weeks.
3. Student must have all work turned in by March 12, 2026 and earn at least a C in all 4 core classes.
4. Mr. Little will check in daily with student to offer support and monitor progress.
5. Student will be referred to FAPT and student is expected to comply with all recommendations of the FAPT team.
6. Student will complete Rockbridge Recovery, a 4-session educational program on substance abuse.
7. Student will write and present personal plan for being successful in school. Student plan will include what student will and won't do if student is allowed to return to school the 4th nine weeks.
8. If student is allowed to return to school the 4th nine weeks, student will be expected to follow all school rules, not receive any discipline referrals, and complete all assignments to be successful.
9. Student is on social probations through the end of the 2025-2026 school year, meaning student may not attend any extracurricular activities. If student successfully completes the second semester, complies with all school board expectations, student will be allowed to participate in preseason football workouts this summer.
10. Student is subject to random searches at any time while on school grounds.

Upon motion by Trustee Ojure, seconded by Trustee Brown, and passed by unanimous vote, the following action was taken regarding student case number 2526-096-10 as a result of a violation of the student code of conduct.

1. Student will be assigned to Alt. Ed. for all core classes.
2. Student will be provided a Wi-Fi hotspot to use at home to continue working on classes in the evenings.
3. Parent will contact CSB in Staunton to transfer student's records to the Rockbridge County CSB.
4. Parent will explore options for medication for student.
5. Student will not sleep in Alt. Ed.
6. Student will not vandalize any area of the school.
7. Student is on social probation through the end of the school year.
8. Student will not receive any discipline referrals moving forward.
9. Student is subject to random searches at any time while on school grounds.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Ojure, and passed by 3-0 vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
Corey W. Berkstresser, Trustee  
Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board