

PROCEEDINGS
Board of Education
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11
1854 East Broadway
Alton, IL 62002
November 21, 2017
5:45 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administrative Center, 1854 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois at 5:48 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

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

Others who were present: Mark Cappel, Superintendent; Mike Bellm, Alton High School Principal, Mike Brey, Alton High School Assistant Principal; Nicole Marconi, Alton High School Assistant Principal; Larry Busch, Hearing Officer; Mike Roderfeld, Alton Police Department and Kara Twichell, Secretary to the Board of Education

Student #209821, mother and family 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. Lauschke 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 Ms. 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 November 21, 2017, the Board of Education finds that Student #209821 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student #209821 committed: Assault and Battery and Engaging in Activity that Constitutes an Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on November 2, 2017 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education expel Student #209821 for 6 months (November 21, 2017 through end of the 2017-2018 school year), but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student #209821 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.

Summary of Interventions:

6/25/17 ASA Placement Letter: AP Matt Claxton notified family of Campbell's placement in ASA for Fall 2017 and the supports offered by the ASA program.

7/7/17 ASA Welcome Letter: AP Marconi notified family of contact information, as well as ASA program supports and goals.

8/2/17 AHS Registration Conference: Marconi met with Mrs. Musgraves. Notification of Campbell's placement in ASA. Review of 2016-17 data and administrative action/intervention. (Campbell had a repeat pattern of tardiness, skipping/loitering and unexcused absences. Prior interventions and actions included, but were not limited to: attendance and administration contact to parent, detention and restorative practices, suspensions, contracts and administrator notification of potential placement change to ASA.)

8/23/17 Intake Meeting: Marconi met with Sayveion Campbell and Mrs. Musgraves to review ASA program, ASA handbook and AHS rules, and to complete intake forms including Individualized Goals Sheet and Individual Optional Educational Plan (IOEP)

9/11/17 - present ASA Program Safety Plan:

Contained program in 1st floor of B building AHS; Internal doors and gate to ASA Hallway are locked at 3:22 pm and 3:25 pm, respectively.

At 3:15, 4:55, and 6:20 pm all ASA staff, Administrator, and security supervise hallway transitions.

Administrator and Security supervise student arrival, transition and dismissal, as well as walk-ins / observations throughout classes.

ASA buses have scheduled, supervised drop off and pick up.

Restrooms and classrooms are locked during instruction.

Students must have pass to leave classrooms and must report to ASA Office to request access to restrooms during instruction.

9/11/17 - 9/14/17 Suspended Curriculum: 2017-18 rules, expectations and expellable offenses covered in classrooms by ASA staff and administration.

9/11 - present Conferencing: ASA staff and AP Marconi periodic / informal conferencing with student to review progress (academic and attendance) toward goals.

The expulsion being held in abeyance is contingent upon the student's full participation in the special education 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.

I move that should Student #209821 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student #209821 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration. DOB 1/31/02

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary