

PROCEEDINGS
Board of Education
Alton Community Unit School District No. 11
1854 East Broadway
Alton, IL 62002
February 20, 2018 E-2
5:45 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administrative Center, 1854 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

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

Others who were present: Mark Cappel, Superintendent; Cindy Inman, Alton Middle School Principal, Marcie Sedabres, Assistant Principal Alton Middle School; Larry Busch, Hearing Officer; Doug Schaeffer, Madison County Sheriffs Office and Kara Twichell, Secretary to the Board of Education

Student #220612, mother and grandmother 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 Mr. Lauschke, seconded by Ms. Monckton 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. Macias 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 February 15, 2018, the Board of Education finds that Student #220612 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student #220612 committed: Weapons or look-alike Weapons including look-alike and toy guns and Engaging in Activity that Constitutes an Interference with School Purposes and Educational Function on February 7, 2018 in violation of Board Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education expel Student #220612 for 3 months (February 20, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year, and is being offered Principal's Probation for school year 2018-2019) but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student #220612 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:

- Each year, administration covers expellable offenses at our back-to-school grade level discipline assembly which was held on August 21, 2017.
- Each year, expellable offenses are covered during suspended curriculum during the first days of school.
- Each year, administrators review expellable offenses with our students at grade level discipline meetings on January 5, 2018 and during suspended curriculum meetings in each core classroom on January 3, 2018.

Specific Interventions:

- Check In/Check Out
- January 16, 2018 – Kevin began a Check-In/Check-Out with Mrs. Watt. He does not have her as a teacher, but his locker is by her classroom and she often speaks to him while supervising the hallway. They have had a friendly relationship all year and Kevin responds well to her. Kevin was responding well and meeting the 80% goal for the last two weeks.
- Kevin had previously been on a Check In/Check Out in elementary school and in 6th and 7th grades with similar results.
- Social Work- Kevin has worked with a social worker on an as needed basis throughout all of his middle school years. A consent form had been signed in elementary school and it carried over to Alton Middle School.

The expulsion being held in abeyance is contingent upon the student's full participation in the 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 #220612 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school or principal's probation, refers the student back to the District, Student #220612 shall be immediately expelled from Alton Community Unit School District #11 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration. DOB 4/7/2004

President Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary