



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

November 4, 2019

5:30 p.m.

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The mission of Urbana School District 116, a multi-cultural community committed to educational excellence, is to ensure that all learners acquire knowledge, develop skills, and build character to achieve personal greatness and help create a better global society, by providing innovative, comprehensive programs, respecting individual learning styles and cultural differences, and fostering caring and nurturing relationships, while engaging each student, every family and the entire community.

Mr. John H. Dimit, President
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Ms. Tori Exum, Member
Mr. Paul Poulosky, Member

Ms. Anne Hall, Vice-President
Ms. Brenda Carter, Secretary Pro Tem
Ms. Peggy Patten, Member
Ms. Lori Johnson, Board Recording Secretary
Dr. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Superintendent

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Dimit called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Anne Hall, Vice-President
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Brenda Carter, Secretary Pro Tem
Tori Exum, Board Member
Peggy Patten, Board Member
Paul Poulosky, Board Member

Absent: John Dimit, President

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Patten moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.

4.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS - None

EXPULSION HEARINGS/CLOSED SESSION

5.0 CALL TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION (hearings will be recorded)

Secretary Pro Tem Carter moved to go into closed session for the purpose of: student discipline, seconded by Member Exum. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed. Absent: J.Dimit

- A. Introduction of those present
- B. Board Attorney explains procedures to those present.
 - 1. Review packet(s).
 - 2. Presentation of District Witnesses.
 - 3. Cross-examination of District witnesses by student.
 - 4. Presentation of student evidence and witnesses.
 - 5. Cross-examination of student witnesses.
 - 6. Closing statements.
 - 7. Ask for recommendation from administration.
 - 8. The Board acts as the trier of facts and sits to hear the evidence.
- C. Board President excuses all parties.
- D. Board deliberates and comes to consensus.

6.0 CALL TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION

To vote individually on each student discipline matter. Board returned to executive session until all student expulsion hearings have been concluded.

Member Exum moved to go into open session, seconded by Member Patten. Motion passed.

Member Patten made a motion that, based upon and after the Board's consideration of the evidence and testimony of the expulsion hearing held on November 4, 2019, the Board of Education find that Student No. 11042019A has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student No. 11042019A engaged in, threatened, and instigated physical violence or fighting with another student or students in violation of Board Policy 7:190, Student Behavior.

Member Patten moved that the Board of Education expel Student No. 11042019A but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student No. 11042019A 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. Removing Student No. 11042019A from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school. The duration of Student No. 11042019A's expulsion is appropriate based upon the evidence presented during the hearing.

The expulsion being held in abeyance is contingent upon the student's full participation in the alternative school's recommended program.

Member Patten also moved that should Student No. 11042019A fail to fully participate in the alternative school's recommended program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student No. 11042019A shall be immediately expelled from Urbana School District #116 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration, through the end of the 2019-2020 school term.

Secretary Pro Tem Carter seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, motion passed 4 "ayes", 2 "nays." Absent: J.Dimit

Member Exum moved to take a 10 minute recess, seconded by Secretary Pro Tem Carter. Motion passed.

Member Patten moved to go back into open session, seconded by Member Exum. Motion passed.

Member Exum moved to go back into closed session for the purpose of: student discipline, seconded by Secretary Pro Tem Carter. On a roll call vote, all member present voted "aye." Motion passed. Absent: J.Dimit

Member Exum moved to go back into open session, seconded by Member Poulosky. Motion passed.

Secretary Pro Tem made a motion that, based upon and after the Board's consideration of the evidence and testimony of the expulsion hearing held on November 4, 2019, the Board of Education find that Student No. 11042019B has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student No. 11042019B engaged in, threatened, and instigated physical violence or fighting with another student or students in violation of Board Policy 7:190, Student Behavior.

Secretary Pro Tem Carter, moved that the Board of Education expel Student No. 11042019B but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student No. 11042019B 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. Removing Student No. 11042019B from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school. The duration of Student No. 11042019B's expulsion is appropriate based upon the evidence presented during the hearing.

The expulsion being held in abeyance is contingent upon the student's full participation in the alternative school's recommended program.

Secretary Pro Tem Carter also moved that should Student No. 11042019B fail to fully participate in the alternative school's recommended program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student No. 11042019B shall be immediately expelled from Urbana School District #116 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration, through the end of the 2019-2020 fall semester.

Member Poulosky seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, motion passed 5 "ayes", 1 "nay." Absent: J.Dimit

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Member Poulosky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Patten. Motion passed.

Vice-President Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

President

Secretary