



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

February 5, 2020

6:00 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, Recording Secretary

Dr. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Superintendent

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Hall called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present:
Anne Hall, Vice-President
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Tori Exum, Board Member
Peggy Patten, Board Member

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Member Patten moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Exum.
Motion passed.**

4.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS - None

EXPULSION HEARING/CLOSED SESSION

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

Member Exum moved to go into closed session for the purpose of: student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(2)(9), motion seconded by Member Patten. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed. Absent: J.Dimit, B.Carter, and P.Poulosky

- 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 on student discipline matter)

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

Member Fisher moved that, based upon and after the Board's consideration of the evidence and testimony of the expulsion hearing held on February 5, 2020, the Board of Education find that Student No. 02052020 has committed an act of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student No. 02052020 engaged in, threatened, and instigated physical violence or fighting with any other person and engaging in any activity that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school learning environment, in violation of Board Policy 7:190, Student Behavior.

Member Fisher moved that the Board of Education expel Student No. 02052020 but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and Student No. 02052020 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. 02052020 from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school. The duration of Student No. 02052020'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 Fisher also moved that should Student No. 02052020 fail to fully participate in the alternative school's recommended program and the alternative school refers the student back to the District, Student No. 02052020 shall be immediately expelled from Urbana School District #116 for the remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration, the remainder of the 2019-2020 school term and through the end of the 2020-21 fall semester.

Motion was seconded by Member Exum. On a roll call vote, motion passed, 3 ayes/1 nay (P.Patten). Absent: J.Dimit, B.Carter and P.Poulosky

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

Vice-President Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

President

Secretary