

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Special Meeting

Expulsion Hearing

October 4, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

I. Call to order

President Slone called the meeting to order. The time was 10:47 a.m.

All Board Members were present: Tom Slone, President; David Jewell, Vice President; John W. Preece, Steven Kominar, and Braydan Goff. Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch was in attendance.

There were no members of the Press in attendance.

Central Office Staff in attendance: Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; Rocky Hall, Director of Attendance and Safe Schools;

Others present in the meeting(s) were: Marcella Charles, Brandon Cline, William C. Duty, attorney at law.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Branch contacted Leslie Tyree by phone.

III. Consideration of Student Disciplinary Matter

a. Expulsion hearing of student A

b. Expulsion hearing of student B

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE:

In accordance with 6-9A-4 (3) of School Laws of West Virginia, "The governing body of a public agency may hold an executive session during a regular, special or emergency meeting . . . upon a majority affirmative vote of the members present. To decide upon disciplining, suspension or expulsion of any student in any public school . . . unless the student requests an open meeting."

a. Expulsion hearing of student A.

Mr. Jewell made the motion to go into executive session. Mr. Goff seconded that motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 10:49 a.m.

Mr. Jewell made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Kominar seconded that motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0. The time was 12:14 p.m.

Mr. Kominar made the motion of expulsion regarding Student A. Mr. Jewell made the second. There was a roll call vote. The motion passed with a vote of 4/1. Mr. Preece voted no.

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Student A was to be expelled for 365 days. They could petition the Superintendent to return earlier. They would receive education virtually.

b. Expulsion hearing of student B.

Mr. Jewell made the motion to go into executive session for the hearing of Student B. Mr. Kominar seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 12:16 p.m.

Mr. Jewell made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Kominar seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of all ayes (5/0). The time was 12:25 p.m.

Mr. Slone announced the parent and student requested a continuance.

Mr. Jewell made a motion to accept the continuance. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Dr. Branch announced the meeting would continue at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 11, 2024.

IV. Adjournment

Mr. Jewell made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Preece seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 12:27 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

October 15, 2024

Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch Date

Minutes approved 11-19-24