

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #33, BOARD ROOM, 105 NORTH E STREET, MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS ON OCTOBER 6, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by President Brent at 6:06 pm in the board room. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, absent; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Markey, B. Rees, J. Pilger, S. Ayer, M. Link, A. Crawford, B. Boughton and N. Clark.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to appoint President Brent as hearing officer to preside over the student discipline hearing. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, absent; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye, Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

HEARING OFFICER

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Lenahan, seconded by Anderson to enter closed session pursuant to the open meetings act – 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq. to hear a student discipline case at 6:07 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, absent; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Matt Link entered closed session at 6:31 pm, exited at 6:33 pm.

Motion by Buss, seconded by Lenahan, to return to open session at 6:45 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, absent; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck that student # 19101 be found to have committed threats of violence to school personnel and/or students which is a violation of Student Handbook, Page 46 and School Board Policy 7:190 and committed disruptive behavior which is a violation of Student Handbook, Page 29 and School Board Policy 7:190, and these are acts of gross disobedience or misconduct such that an expulsion of a period of time not to exceed two calendar years is justified by the evidence. Roll call: Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, absent; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

STUDENT VIOLATED RULES

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by White, seconded by Lenahan to return to closed session to continue student discipline hearing at 6:50 pm. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, absent, Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to return to open session at 7:00 pm. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, absent; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson that a ten (10) day out of school suspension for student # 19101 be upheld and that Student #19101 be expelled from West Central High School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year beginning Friday, October 7, 2016 as well as the full 2017-2018 school year. Student #19101 may apply for reinstatement to West Central High School on August 1, 2018. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, absent, Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

STUDENT  
EXPELLED

Motion by Buss, seconded by White that the Board authorize the Superintendent to draft the expulsion letter consistent with the Board's findings in Closed Session at the October 6, 2016 Special Board meeting. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, absent; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

EXPULSION  
LETTER

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson that the expulsion of student #19101 be held in abeyance in order to allow said student to attend Regional Alternative Education Services (RAES). Student #19101 may apply for reinstatement to West Central High School on August 1, 2018. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

EXPULSION  
HELD IN  
ABEYANCE

ADJOURN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

ADJOURN

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Lonnie Brent, Board President

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Jodi Arnold, Board Secretary