



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on March 21, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the board room located at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport. Purpose: Expulsion Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ramona Malone called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Dr. Smith-Morrow, Melissa Sheffel, Theresa Miller, and Matthew Scott.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Kelly Middleton and district administrators.

Ms. Malone asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and pause for a Moment of Reflection.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the board went into executive session to hear testimony. Time: 6:35 PM

851 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board returned to open session to announce their decision regarding the expulsion. Time: 7:30 PM

852 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

EXPULSION FINDINGS

The following action was taken by the board:

The board found there was clear and convincing evidence that the Student Code of Conduct was violated on the grounds of being under the influence of marijuana while on school property. This is a violation of the Newport Board of Education policies and in violation of KRS 508.150. The decision was made to expel said student from all schools and school activities for one calendar year, with services, which means student will not be able to enroll in a KY public school until March 15, 2019. If the following conditions are met, the board agreed to let student return to school on January 7, 2019:

1. *Meet with the school psychologist and follow all recommendations;*
2. *Attend library educational services with satisfactory progress toward credit recovery;*
3. *Show negative drug tests for one (1) calendar year.*

During the time of expulsion, student is banned from entering any property of Newport Independent Schools. Failure to follow this ban is grounds for arrest by the Newport Police Dept. on the charge of criminal trespass.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the board unanimously approved this decision.

853 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:32 PM

854 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary