

**Covington Board of Education**  
**MINUTES ~ Special Meeting**

September 27, 2018

4:00 PM

25 E. 7th Street, Covington, Kentucky 41011

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. April Brockhoff, Board Chair called the meeting to order.

**II. Roll Call**

**Attendance Taken at 4:03 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mr. Jerry Avery

Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper

Ms. Glenda Huff

Mr. Tom Wherry

Ms. April Brockhoff

**III. Call of the Meeting**

Mr. Alvin Garrison, Superintendent read the call of the meeting; Student Discipline Hearing (s), Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f) portions of this item may be conducted in closed session. Action possible.

**IV. Student Hearing (s)**

The Student Hearings will be conducted in reference to an incident that occurred at Holmes High School on September 13, 2018. There will be a separate proceeding for each student. The students will be identified as Student #1, Student #2, Student #3 and Student #4.

**1. Student #1**

The disciplinary hearing, for Student #1 was that of a 7th grade student of Covington Independent Public Schools. The student and the parent were present. The parent directed that the meeting be held in closed session. Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, Esq. presented the School District's case for expulsion. Ms. Claire Parsons, Esq. represented the School Board and was present to provide legal advice and guidance to the Board during the hearing and their deliberations. Ms. Stewart introduced herself and everyone at the hearing to the student and mother then reviewed the meeting procedures making sure the family understood. She confirmed with Board members that they had no knowledge of, or interest in, this case and that they could make a clear, impartial decision on this case based solely on the information presented. She asked the student's parent if they had any objections to any board member making a decision regarding her child. The parent had no objections. Ms. Stewart swore in the student, parent and Mr. Ken Kippenbrock, Director of Pupil Personnel with Covington Independent Public Schools for testimony during this hearing. Mr. Ken Kippenbrock introduced the incident that occurred to warrant an expulsion hearing. He also introduced exhibits of written documentation into evidence, reviewing details of the student's grades, attendance and behavior. Ms. Mary Ann Stewart

brought in a witness, Mr. Tony Magner, Assistant Principal at Holmes High School who witnessed the incident to identify student #1.

## **V. Executive Session**

Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) the Board may go into executive session.

**Motion Passed 092718\_01:** The Covington Board of Education approves to go into Executive Session Pursuant to KRS 61.180 (1)(f) at 4:54 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

**Motion Passed 092718\_02:** The Covington Board of Education approves to return from Executive Session at 5:04 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

## **VI. Facts and Findings ~ Student #1**

**Motion Passed 092718\_03:** The Covington Board of Education accepts the Facts and Findings to be true and accurate as presented regarding Student #1 passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

## **VII. Determination ~ Student #1**

**Motion Passed 092718\_04:** The Covington Board of Education find by clear and convincing evidence that the student posed a threat to themselves and others and to expel Student #1 for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year without services passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

## VIII. Adjourn ~ Student #1 Hearing

**Motion Passed 092718\_05:** The Covington Board of Education approves to adjourn the Hearing for Student #1 passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

## IX. Student Hearing #2

### 2. Student #2

The disciplinary hearing for Student #2 was that of an 8th grade student of Covington Independent Public Schools. The student nor parent were present. Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, Esq. presented the School District's case for expulsion. Ms. Claire Parsons, Esq. represented the School Board and was present to provide legal advice and guidance to the Board during the hearing and their deliberations. She confirmed with Board members that they had no knowledge of, or interest in, this case and that they could make a clear, impartial decision on this case based solely on the information presented. Mr. Ken Kippenbrock, Director of Pupil Personnel with Covington Independent Public Schools introduced the incident that occurred to warrant an expulsion hearing. He also introduced exhibits of written documentation into evidence reviewing details of the student's grades, attendance and behavior.

## X. Facts and Findings ~ Student #2

**Motion Passed 092718\_06:** The Covington Board of Education approves the Facts and Findings for Student #2 to be true and accurate as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

## **XI. Determination ~ Student #2**

**Motion Passed 092718\_07:** The Covington Board of Education find by clear and convincing evidence that the student posed a threat to themselves and others and to expel Student #2 for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year without services passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

## **XII. Adjourn ~ Student #2 Hearing**

**Motion Passed 092718\_08:** The Covington Board of Education approves to adjourn the Hearing for Student #2 passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

## **XIII. Student Hearing #3**

### **3. Student #3**

The disciplinary hearing for Student #3 was that of a 7th grade student of Covington Independent Public Schools. The student nor parent were present. Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, Esq. presented the School District's case for expulsion. Ms. Claire Parsons, Esq. represented the School Board and was present to provide legal advice and guidance to the Board during the hearing and their deliberations. She confirmed with Board members that they had no knowledge of, or interest in, this case and that they could make a clear, impartial decision on this case based solely on the information presented. Mr. Ken Kippenbrock, Director of Pupil Personnel with Covington Independent Public Schools introduced the incident that occurred to warrant an expulsion hearing. He also introduced exhibits of written documentation into evidence reviewing details of the student's grades, attendance and behavior.

#### **XIV. Facts and Findings ~ Student #3**

**Motion Passed 092718\_09:** The Covington Board of Education approves the Facts and Findings for Student #3 to be true and accurate as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

#### **XV. Determination ~ Student #3**

**Motion Passed 092718\_10:** The Covington Board of Education find by clear and convincing evidence that the student posed a threat to themselves and others and to expel Student #3 for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year without services passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

#### **XVI. Adjourn ~ Student Hearing #3**

**Motion Passed 092718\_11:** The Covington Board of Education approves to adjourn the Hearing for Student #3 passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

#### **XVII. Student Hearing #4**

##### **4. Student #4**

The disciplinary hearing for Student #4 was that of a 10th grade student of Covington Independent Public Schools. The student nor parent were present. Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, Esq. presented the School District's case for expulsion. Ms. Claire Parsons, Esq. represented the School Board and was present to provide legal advice and guidance to the Board during the hearing and their deliberations. She confirmed with Board members that they had no knowledge of, or interest in, this case and that they could make a clear,

impartial decision on this case based solely on the information presented. Mr. Ken Kippenbrock, Director of Pupil Personnel with Covington Independent Public Schools introduced the incident that occurred to warrant an expulsion hearing. He also introduced exhibits of written documentation into evidence reviewing details of the student's grades, attendance and behavior.

#### **XVIII. Facts and Findings ~ Student #4**

**Motion Passed 092718\_12:** The Covington Board of Education approves the Facts and Findings for Student #4 to be true and accurate as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Tom Wherry.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

#### **XIX. Determination ~ Student #4**

**Motion Passed 092718\_13:** The Covington Board of Education find by clear and convincing evidence that the student posed a threat to themselves and others and to expel Student #4 for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year without services passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Tom Wherry.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

#### **XX. Adjourn ~ Student Hearing #4**

**Motion Passed 092718\_14:** The Covington Board of Education approves to adjourn the Hearing for Student #4 passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

NOTE: KRS 158.150 (2)(b) states: "a board that has expelled a student from the student's regular school setting shall provide or assure that educational services are provided to the student in an appropriate alternative program or setting, unless the board has made a determination, on the record, supported by clear and convincing evidence, that the expelled student posed a threat to the safety of other students or school staff and could not be placed into a state-funded agency program" (i.e., Alternative School) NOTE:

Behavior which constitutes a threat shall include, but not be limited to physical assault; battery; or abuse of others; the threat of physical force; being under the influence of drugs or alcohol; use, possession, sale or transfer of drugs or alcohol; carrying, possession, transfer of weapons or dangerous instruments; and other behavior which may endanger safety of others. KRS 158.150 (2) (b)

## **XXI. Report of the Treasurer**

### **5. Adoption of the 2018-2019 Working Budget**

**Motion Passed 092718\_15:** The Covington Board approves the Working Budget FY2019 passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Tom Wherry.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

### **6. Monthly Financial Report ~ August FY2019**

**Motion Passed 092718\_16:** The Covington Board of Education approves the Monthly Financials ~ August FY2019 passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

### **3. Warrant Expenditure Report**

**Motion Passed 092718\_17:** The Covington Board of Education approves the Warrant Expenditure Report passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

## **XXII. Individual Approval Agenda Items**

### **7. Purchase of Two Buses**

**Motion Passed 092718\_18:** The Covington Board of Education approves the Purchase of Two Buses passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Jerry Avery.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

### **8. Shortened School Day Request**

**Motion Passed 092718\_19:** The Covington Board of Education approves the Shorten School Day Request passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Tom Wherry.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes

## **XXIII. Adjournment**

The Covington Board of Education made a consensus to adjourn at 5:48 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. April Brockhoff, Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Alvin Garrison, Superintendent