

Covington Board of Education
MINUTES ~ Special Meeting

September 13, 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 4:06 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.

1. Student Disciplinary Hearing

The disciplinary hearing was that of a 10th grade student of Covington Independent Public Schools. The student and the parent were present. The parent directed that the meeting be held in open 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 and 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/guardian and Mr. Ray Finke, Court Liaison with Covington Independent Public Schools for testimony during this hearing. Mr. Ray Finke 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 behavior, parent contact log and class grades.

IV. Executive Session

Motion Passed 091318_01: The Covington Board of Education approves to go into Executive Session Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f) at 4:35 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 091318_02: The Covington Board of Education approves to return from Executive Session at 5:03 p.m. 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

V. Facts and Findings

Motion Passed 091318_03: The Covington Board of Education accepts the Facts and Findings 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

VI. Determination

Motion Passed 091318_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 the student 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

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)

VII. Adjournment

The Covington Board of Education made a consensus to adjourn at 5:09 p.m.

_____ Ms. April Brockhoff, Board Chair

_____ Mr. Alvin Garrison, Superintendent