



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on November 4, 2019 at 5:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct two expulsion hearings. The meeting was held in the board room located at 30 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport.

### **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.

Also, in attendance Superintendent Kelly Middleton, Mike Wills, DPP, Board Attorney Brandon Voelker, and other district administrators.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The parents/guardians for the students in question were not in attendance to participate in the expulsion hearings. Therefore, the board attorney instructed the board to hold the hearings in executive session.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY MILLER the board went into executive session to hear testimony regarding the students in question. Time: 5:35 PM

1022 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY MALONE AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board voted to expel student one from all schools and school activities for one year with no services based on evidence and testimony presented.

1023 - MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board voted to expel student two from all schools and school activities for one year with no services based on evidence and testimony presented.

1024 - MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board returned to open session. Time: 6:34 PM

1025 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The board found there was clear and convincing evidence of bullying which is a direct violation of board policy 09.422 and KRS 525.070 and incorrigible bad conduct as specified under KRS 158.150. The decision was made to expel both students from all schools and school activities for one calendar year with no services.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

1026 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

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Chairman

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Secretary