

# **Covington Board of Education**

## **MINUTES ~ Special Meeting**

January 25, 2023

5:30 PM

Covington Board of Education

25 E. 7th Street, Covington, Kentucky 41011

### **I. Call to Order ~ Student A**

Mr. Tom Haggard, Board Chair called the meeting to order.

### **II. Roll Call ~ Student A**

#### **Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:**

##### Present Board Members:

Ms. Hannah Edelen

Mr. Stephen Gastright

Ms. Glenda Huff

Mr. Kareem Simpson

Mr. Tom Haggard

### **III. Call of the Meeting ~ Student A**

Mary Ann read special meeting notice.

### **IV. Student Disciplinary Hearing ~ Student A (Action Possible)**

The disciplinary hearing, for Student A, was that of a (9th) grade student of Covington Independent Public Schools. The student and her parents were present. The parents requested the meeting be held in closed session. Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, Board Attorney swore in witnesses. Ms. Stewart 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 parents if they had any objections to any board member making a decision regarding their child. The parents had no objections. Ms. Stewart introduced the incident that occurred to warrant an expulsion hearing. She also introduced exhibits of written documentation into evidence. Mr. Michael Reichert, Director of Pupil Personnel testified explaining the hearing packet. Mr. David Hartman, Assistant Principal was the high school representative. The Board deliberated in closed session at 6:19 p.m., with no action taken. The Board returned at 6:36 p.m.

### **V. Facts and Findings ~ Student A**

**Motion Passed 012523\_01:** The Covington Board of Education approves the Facts and Findings for Student A to be true and accurate as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Stephen Gastright.

Ms. Hannah Edelen Yes

Mr. Stephen Gastright Yes

Ms. Glenda Huff Yes

Mr. Kareem Simpson Yes

Mr. Tom Haggard Yes



## **VI. Determination ~ Student A**

**Motion Passed 012523\_02:** The Covington Board of Education find by clear and convincing evidence that Student A did in fact commit the offense and approves to expel Student A with educational services for a calendar year at the discretion of the Superintendent. With services includes Edgenuity until the end of 2023 school year then Alternative placement in Fall of 2023 through January 25, 2024 passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Stephen Gastright.

Ms. Hannah Edelen	Yes
Mr. Stephen Gastright	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Kareem Simpson	Yes
Mr. Tom Haggard	Yes

## **VII. Adjournment ~ Student A**

The Board made a consensus to adjourn Student A hearing at 6:42 p.m.

## **VIII. Call to Order ~ Student B**

Mr. Tom Haggard, Board Chair called the meeting to order.

## **IX. Roll Call ~ Student B**

### **Attendance Taken at 6:45 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Ms. Hannah Edelen  
Mr. Stephen Gastright  
Ms. Glenda Huff  
Mr. Kareem Simpson  
Mr. Tom Haggard

## **X. Call of the Meeting ~ Student B**

### **XI. Student Disciplinary Hearing ~ Student B (Action Possible)**

The disciplinary hearing, for Student B, was that of a (10th) grade student of Covington Independent Public Schools. The student nor the guardians were present. Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, Board Attorney recommend to proceed with the hearing due to the seriousness of the offense. Ms. Mary Ann Stewart swore in witnesses. Ms. Stewart 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. Ms. Stewart introduced the incident that occurred to warrant an expulsion hearing. She also introduced exhibits of written documentation into evidence. Mr. Michael Reichert, Director of Pupil Personnel testified explaining the hearing packet. Mr. David Hartman, Assistant Principal was the high school representative. The Board deliberated in closed session at 7:02 p.m., with no action taken. The Board returned at 7:10 p.m.



## **XII. Facts and Findings ~ Student B**

**Motion Passed 012523\_03:** The Covington Board of Education approves the Facts and Findings for Student B to be true and accurate as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Ms. Hannah Edelen.

Ms. Hannah Edelen	Yes
Mr. Stephen Gastright	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Kareem Simpson	No
Mr. Tom Haggard	Yes

## **XIII. Determination ~ Student B**

**Motion Passed 012523\_04:** The Covington Board of Education find by clear and convincing evidence that Student B did in fact commit the offense and approves to expel Student B without educational services for a calendar year passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mr. Stephen Gastright.

Ms. Hannah Edelen	Yes
Mr. Stephen Gastright	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Kareem Simpson	No
Mr. Tom Haggard	Yes

## **XIV. Adjournment ~ Student B**

The Board made a consensus to adjourn Student B hearing at 7:11 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Haggard, Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Alvin Garrison, Superintendent

