



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on May 1, 2024 at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct six expulsion hearings. The meeting was held in the board room located at 30 W. 8th 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, Sylvia Covington, Aaron Sutherland, Tim Curl, and Ed Davis.

Also, in attendance Superintendent Tony Watts, and Board Attorney, Brandon Voelker.

EXPULSION HEARING

The board attorney recommended the board hold the hearings in executive session to protect the privacy of all the students being heard.

On MOTION BY COVINGTON AND SECONDED BY DAVIS the board went into executive session to hear testimony regarding the students in question. Time: 6:04 PM

1556 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

At the conclusion of the hearings and after deliberation, the Newport Board of Education took the following action regarding each student:

Student #1 – Expel with services for a full calendar year. Student may return January 1, 2025 if he/she is compliant with a mental health plan for anger management, has no criminal convictions, has no attendance issues, and has successfully completed coursework with a “C” average.

Student #2 – Expel with services for one calendar year.

Student #3 – Expel with services for one calendar year. May return at the start of school in August 2024 as long as there are no subsequent criminal convictions.

Student #4 – Expel with services for one calendar year. Student may return January 1, 2025 if he/she is compliant with a mental health plan, has no criminal convictions, has no attendance issues, and has successfully completed coursework with a “C” average.

Student #5 - Student may return January 1, 2025 if he/she is compliant with a mental health plan, has no criminal convictions, has no attendance issues, and has successfully completed coursework with a “C” average.

Student #6 – Expel with services for one calendar year.

On MOTION BY COVINGTON AND SECONDED BY CURL the board approved the expulsions and stated plans as outlined above.

1557 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY DAVIS the board returned to open session. Time: 10:15 PM

1558 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY DAVIS AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND the meeting adjourned. Time: 10:15 PM

1559 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary