Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois
Mellon Administrative Center, 703 S. New Street, Champaign, Illinois
November 4, 2019 within the Boundaries of Said District

Special Meeting

Board President Amy Armstrong called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present
Amy Armstrong, Gianina Baker, Chris Kloeppel, Kathy Shannon, Elizabeth Sotiropoulos, Heather Vazquez

Board Member Absent
Bruce Brown

Staff Members Present
Superintendent Susan Zola, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Director of Achievement & Student Services Orlando Thomas

Approval of Agenda
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Executive Session
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Vazquez, to adjourn into Closed Session in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider 120/2(c)(9) Student Discipline. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:32 p.m.

Open Session
The Board convened into Open Session at 6:32 p.m.

Student Discipline
Student #214375
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Vazquez that student #214375 shall be provided an alternative placement for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year for violating Conduct Codes #6 Disobedience, #7 Disruptive Behavior, #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff, and #28 Verbal Abuse to Staff of the Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. So long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the student's alternative placement during the expulsion period, the Board shall hold its discipline determination in abeyance. If the student does not accept the alternative placement or meet the attendance and behavioral requirements of the offered alternative placement, then the decision of the Board of Education is to expel the student for the duration/remainder of the duration stated above. The duration of the alternative placement/expulsion is based on: the egregiousness of the violation of Conduct Codes listed above; prior discipline and other interventions attempted; continuing safety threat posed by student’s presence in school; and the significant detrimental impact of the student’s conduct on the learning environment. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the District because the student’s continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Student #511136
Member Sotiropoulos moved, with a second by Member Shannon that student #511136 shall be provided an alternative placement for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year and first
semester of the 2020-21 school year for violating Conduct Codes #6 Disobedience, #7 Disruptive Behavior, #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff, #19 Physical Confrontation with Student, and #36 Mob Action of the Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. So long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the student’s alternative placement during the expulsion period, the Board shall hold its discipline determination in abeyance. If the student does not accept the alternative placement or meet the attendance and behavioral requirements of the offered alternative placement, then the decision of the Board of Education is to expel the student for the duration/remainder of the duration stated above. The duration of the alternative placement/expulsion is based on: the egregiousness of the violation of Conduct Codes listed above; prior discipline and other interventions attempted; continuing safety threat posed by student’s presence in school; and the significant detrimental impact of the student’s conduct on the learning environment. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the District because the student’s continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Student #203274
Member Sotiropoulos moved, with a second by Member Shannon that student #203274 shall be provided an alternative placement for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year and first semester of the 2020-21 school year for violating Conduct Codes #6 Disobedience, #7 Disruptive Behavior, #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff, #24 Threats to Staff, and #28 Verbal Abuse to Staff of the Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. So long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the student’s alternative placement during the expulsion period, the Board shall hold its discipline determination in abeyance. If the student does not accept the alternative placement or meet the attendance and behavioral requirements of the offered alternative placement, then the decision of the Board of Education is to expel the student for the duration/remainder of the duration stated above. The duration of the alternative placement/expulsion is based on: the egregiousness of the violation of Conduct Codes listed above; prior discipline and other interventions attempted; continuing safety threat posed by student’s presence in school; and the significant detrimental impact of the student’s conduct on the learning environment. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the District because the student’s continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Student #511217
Member Sotiropoulos moved, with a second by Member Shannon that student #511217 shall be provided an alternative placement for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year for violating Conduct Codes #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff, #19 Physical Confrontation with Student, and #34 Weapon-Related Activities of the Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. So long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the student’s alternative placement during the expulsion period, the Board shall hold its discipline determination in abeyance. If the student does not accept the alternative placement or meet the attendance and behavioral requirements of the offered alternative placement, then the decision of the Board of Education is to expel the student for the duration/remainder of the duration stated above. The duration of the alternative placement/expulsion is based on: the egregiousness of the violation of Conduct Codes listed above; prior discipline and other interventions attempted; continuing safety threat posed by student’s presence in school; and the significant detrimental impact of the student’s conduct on the learning environment. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the District because the student’s continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.
Adjournment
There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Sotiropoulos, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Board Approved: December 9, 2019