

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM ON NOVEMBER 14, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by President Brent at 5:56 pm in the Unit Office Conference Room. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye, J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, J. Bradburn, S. Richard, and R. Dwyer.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold to appoint President Brent as hearing officer to preside over a student discipline hearing. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

HEARING OFFICER

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by John, seconded by Anderson to enter closed session pursuant to the open meetings act – 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq. to hear a student discipline case at 5:58 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Student and parent entered at 6:07 pm., exited at 6:26 pm., and returned at 6:47 pm

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to return to open session at 6:47 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold that student #15062 be found to have violated school rules by threatening to stab another student with a knife he produced from his pants pocket which constitutes gross disobedience and misconduct under circumstances so related to the school program so as to warrant discipline. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

STUDENT VIOLATED RULES

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by John, seconded by Robbins to return to closed session to continue at 6:49 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Student and parent exited at 7:02 pm and re-entered at 7:15 pm

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to return to open session at 7:15 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Torrance that the ten day out of school suspension for student #15062 be upheld and that student #15062 be expelled from West Central High School for threatening to stab another student with a knife he produced from his pants pocket for a time period of November 14, 2011 through December 31, 2012. Student #15062 may return to WCHS beginning with the spring semester of the 2012-13 school year. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

UPHELD
SUSPENSION &
EXPULSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Goff that the expulsion of student #15062 be held in abeyance in order to allow said student to attend Henderson County Safe School. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

EXPULSION
HELD IN
ABEYANCE

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to allow student #15062 to petition the board for reinstatement to WCHS beginning with the fall semester of the 2012-13 school year provided said student successfully completes a counseling program, at the student's expense, in which the content of the program will be determined jointly between the parents and WCHS administration. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

PETITION FOR
RETURN

The board then took a short recess.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Arnold, seconded by John to enter closed session pursuant to the open meetings act to discuss personnel at 7:28 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

Motion by Arnold, seconded by John to return to open session at 8:45 pm. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by J. Arnold to adjourn at 9:00 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2011.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Paul Anderson, Board Secretary