

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM ON OCTOBER 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room. The following board members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Kirby, and parent of student #27004.

HEARING OFFICER

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to appoint President Schaley as the presiding hearing officer. On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Vancil, Bigger. Schaley abstained. 6-0 Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to enter closed session pursuant to the Open Meeting Act – 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq. to hear a student discipline case at 6:01 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in the District Office conference room at 6:01 p.m. On roll call the following members were present: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. Also present were Superintendent Day, Jason Kirby and parent of student #27004. Mr. Kirby and the parent of student #27004 left at 6:23 p.m.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Vancil to return to open session at 6:24 p.m. On Roll call the following members voted aye: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. 7-0 Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in the District Office conference room at 6:25 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, Jason Kirby and parent of student #27004.

ACTION ITEM


Motion by Bigger seconded by Clark, that the 10-day out of school suspension for Student #27004 shall be upheld and that Student #27004 be expelled from West Central CUSD #235 for violating the District Student Handbook for violating the District Student Handbook by verbally threatening students and through social media with images of a weapon. This expulsion is for two calendar years and shall be in abeyance in order to allow said student to attend alternative placement as determined by the IEP team. Student #27004 may be eligible for reinstatement West Central CUSD #235 on October 2, 2026, upon successful participation at the alternative school placement and a final IEP team decision. Until that time said student is not allowed on any West Central CUSD #235 campus or grounds for any reason. The following members voted aye on roll call: Vancil, Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. 7-0 Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

  
Brendan Schaley, Board President

  
Malinda Clark, Board Secretary