

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, October 19, 2018

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF WYOMING, TO-WIT:

A call for a special meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Education was held on Friday, October 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Wyoming County Board of Education Central Office Conference Room. Those in attendance were Michael R. Prichard, President; Allan R. Stiltner, Vice President; Morgan K. "Mike" Davis and Betty F. England, Members. Douglas E. Lester, Member, attended by phone. Deirdre A. Cline, Superintendent, was also in attendance. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Expulsion Hearings
2. Items for Future Agendas and Announcements

Mr. Prichard called the meeting to order, and asked Ms. Rebecca Cooke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary and Middle Schools, to give the invocation.

The Board, along with those in attendance, then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ms. Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools.

Mrs. Cline introduced all Board Members and the Assistant Superintendents.

Expulsion Hearings: Mr. Prichard stated the Expulsion Hearing would be recorded, as a matter of record. He asked Mrs. Cline to present information regarding the Expulsion Hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Cline introduced the mother of student #980017020.

Mr. Prichard asked the mother if she would like for the hearing to be open or closed. He explained a closed hearing would only allow those directly involved with the expulsion to be present.

The mother said she would like an open hearing.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Rebecca Cooke, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary and Middle School, to address the Board.

Ms. Cooke provided a brief description of the allegations and asked Mrs. Janet McKinney, Principal of Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to provide the Board with additional information regarding the request for expulsion.

Mrs. McKinney provided the Board with a thorough account of the events leading to the expulsion request.

The mother and student were both provided time to ask questions and address the Board.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the expulsion of student #980017020.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the expulsion of student #980017020 for 365 days, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present information regarding the Expulsion Hearing scheduled for 10:30 a.m. He stated the Expulsion Hearing would be recorded, as a matter of record.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members and the Assistant Superintendents.

Mr. Prichard asked the other individuals present for this hearing to introduce themselves.

A gentleman who is a provider for Safe at Home with Presley Ridge introduced himself, along with a women representative with Safe at Home.

Mr. Prichard asked the guardian of student #980015444 if he would like an open or closed hearing. He explained a closed hearing would only allow those directly involved with the expulsion to be present.

The guardian present said he would like an open hearing.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, along with Mr. Keith Stewart, Principal of Westside High School, and Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, to address the Board.

Mr. Stewart provided a thorough description of the allegations against the student.

Mr. Hylton also gave a listing of inappropriate actions of this student he obtained by watching the bus video cameras.

Mr. Prichard asked the student and guardians if they had any questions or comments.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the expulsion of student #980015444.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the expulsion of student #980015444 for 365 days, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present information regarding the Expulsion Hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m. He stated the Expulsion Hearing would be recorded, as a matter of record.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members and Assistant Superintendents. She also introduced Mrs. Amanda Hylton, Principal of Wyoming East High School, Mrs. Kim Runion, Principal of the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center, and Mr. Luke Stevens, Assistant Principal of the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center.

Mr. Prichard asked the parents of student # 980017774 if they would like an open or closed hearing. He explained a closed hearing would only allow those directly involved with the expulsion to be present.

The mother of the student requested an open hearing.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall, Mrs. Runion, Mr. Stevens, and Mrs. Hylton to address the Board.

Mr. Stevens provided a thorough account of the events that lead to the expulsion.

Mrs. Runion and Mrs. Hylton also added details to the case.

Mr. Prichard asked the student and mother if they had any questions or comments.

The student and parent both responded.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the expulsion of student #980017774.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the expulsion of student #980017774 of 365 days, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present information regarding the Expulsion Hearing scheduled for 11:30 a.m. He stated the Expulsion Hearing would be recorded, as a matter of record.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members and Assistant Superintendents. She also introduced Mrs. Amanda Hylton, Principal of Wyoming East High School, Mrs. Kim Runion, Principal of Wyoming County Career and Technical Center, and Mr. Luke Stevens, Assistant Principal of Wyoming County Career and Technical Center.

Mr. Prichard asked the guardian of student #980014891 if they would like an open or closed hearing. He explained a closed hearing would only allow those directly involved with the expulsion to be present.

The guardian and student requested an open hearing.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall, Mrs. Hylton, Mrs. Runion, and Mr. Stevens to address the Board.

Mrs. Runion and Mr. Stevens provided a thorough account of the events that lead to the expulsion.

Mrs. Hylton also added details to the case.

Mr. Prichard asked the student and the guardian if they had any questions or

comments.

The student responded with several questions, which were answered by the Board and the Superintendents.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the expulsion of student #980014891.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the expulsion of student #980014891 for 365 days, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present information regarding the Expulsion Hearing scheduled for 12:00 p.m. He stated the Expulsion Hearing would be recorded, as a matter of record.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members and Assistant Superintendents. She also introduced Mrs. Amanda Hylton, Principal of Wyoming East High School, Mrs. Kim Runion, Principal of Wyoming County Career and Technical Center, and Mr. Luke Stevens, Assistant Principal of Wyoming County Career and Technical Center.

Mr. Prichard asked the parent of student #980015012 if they would like an open or closed hearing. He explained a closed hearing would only allow those directly involved with the expulsion to be present.

The student and parent requested an open hearing.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall, Mrs. Hylton, Mrs. Runion, and Mr. Stevens to address the Board.

Mrs. Runion provided a thorough description of events that lead to the expulsion.

Mr. Prichard asked the student and parent if they had any questions or comments.

The student provided a detail account of events, from his point of view, leading to the expulsion. The parent also responded.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the expulsion of student #980015012.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the expulsion of student #980015012 for 365 days, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with 5-0 vote.

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present information regarding the Expulsion Hearing scheduled for 12:30 p.m. He stated the Expulsion Hearing would be recorded, as a matter of record.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members and Assistant Superintendents. She also introduced Mr. Keith Stewart, Principal of Westside High School, and Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation.

Mr. Prichard asked the mother of student #620016074 if they would like an open or closed hearing. He explained a closed hearing would only allow those directly involved with the expulsion to the present.

The mother asked to have an open hearing.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Hylton to address the Board.

Mr. Stewart and Mr. Hylton provided a detailed account of events leading to the expulsion.

Ms. Hall also provided a list of events that she witnessed by watching the video retrieved from the bus video camera.

Mr. Prichard asked the student and guardian if they had any questions or comments.

The parent and student both responded.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the expulsion of student #620016074.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the expulsion of student #620016074 for 365 days, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Items for Future Agendas and Announcements: Mr. Prichard asked for any Items for Future Agendas and Announcements.

Mr. Prichard reminded members of the next Board meeting, which is to be held on Monday, October 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to adjourn. Passed with a 5-0 vote.