

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Vicksburg Administration Building, on the 17th day of February, 2023, at 8:00 in the a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Knowles

Present: Members Dan Grabowski, Stephanie Willoughby, Jennifer Buikema, Carol Lohman, Virgil Knowles

Absent: Members David Schriemer, Tina Forsyth

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Lohman and supported by Member Buikema:

WHEREAS:

1. The administration has recommended that a student whose identity is known to the Board (the "Student") be expelled for persistent violations of Vicksburg Community School's Guidelines 5500D, VCS Bylaws and Policies 5610 and Vicksburg Middle School handbook pages 13-14, Section A. Alcohol and Drugs; Sales or Furnishing.

2. School administrators notified the Student's parents of the specific charge underlying the discipline recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.

3. Pursuant to the request of the Student's parents, and as authorized by Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(b), the disciplinary hearing was conducted in a closed session meeting of the Board.

4. The hearing afforded the Student and the Student's representatives an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board's consideration.

5. The Board has carefully considered all of the evidence produced in this student discipline hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that on February 8, 2023, the student was in violation of Vicksburg Community Schools Guidelines 5500D, Vicksburg Community Schools Bylaws and Policies 5610, Administrative Guidelines 5610, Bylaws and Policies 5610, and the Vicksburg Middle School Handbook, pages 13-14, Section A. Alcohol and Drugs; Sales or Furnishing.

2. Based on careful consideration of all of the following factors, the Board determines that expulsion is warranted:

- The student's age;
- The student's disciplinary history;
- Whether the student has a disability;
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

3. The Student is permanently expelled from the District.

4. Consistent with Sections 11a and 1311(1) of the Revised School Code, the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.

5. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.

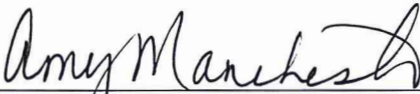
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes: Buikema, Lohman, Grabowski, Willoughby, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Schriemer, Forsyth

Motion Passed: Unanimously



Amy Manchester, Board Secretary

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Board Secretary, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a special meeting held on February 17, 2023, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).



Amy Manchester, Board Secretary