

Student Disciplinary Matter (Closed Session)

The Board and the Superintendent will begin closed session with a briefing pertaining to the legal and procedural aspects of the suspension review hearing for Grade 8 students Student 20193 and Student 20194.

The Board President will conduct the suspension review hearing. The Superintendent will call on the SHJH Principal to state the official school determination and reason for suspension.

The SHJH Principal and Assistant Principals will present their evidence.

No students will be called in as witnesses for administration. Administrators will testify as to what they were told by students.

Following the presentation of evidence by SHJH administration, the parents will have the opportunity to present evidence, witnesses, and defense.

At the end of the presentation, each side will be allowed to make a closing statement, if desired.

The Board will deliberate in closed session. Deliberations will revolve around two questions:

- Is the student guilty of the alleged wrongdoing?
- If the student is guilty, is suspension appropriate?

Upon the conclusion of the deliberations and upon reaching a decision for action, the Board will return to open session and take action.

The family may or may not be present for the Board action.

Recommended Motion:

“I move that we go into closed session according to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), to consider the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of the specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, and according to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) for the purpose of discussing a student disciplinary matter.” **(Roll Call Vote)**