

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 expulsion hearing for Grade 8 student, Student 2015A.

The parents and student will enter the Board Room. We have been informed that the parents will not be bringing legal counsel.

The Board President will conduct the expulsion hearing. The Superintendent will state the reason for expulsion and provide a summary of evidence.

The SHJH Principal, Assistant Principal, and Lincoln Way North School Resource Officer will be called into closed session one at a time to serve as a witness. After presenting evidence, the parent will have the opportunity to question each witness.

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 administration, the parents and student will have the opportunity to present evidence, witnesses, and a defense against expulsion. Administration will have the right to cross-examine each witness.

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

The Board will deliberate in closed session without the Superintendent or any other party. Deliberations will revolve around two questions:

- Is the student guilty of the alleged wrongdoing?
- If the student is guilty, is expulsion 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. It is not unusual for families not to be present for the Board's action in an attempt to maintain confidentiality from the media and audience.

Recommended Motions:

“I move that we go into closed session according to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) for the purpose of discussing a student disciplinary matter.” **(Roll Call Vote)**.