

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Joliet Township High School District 204

A Board of Education Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Township High School District 204 was held Tuesday, December 10, 2024, beginning immediately following closed session at the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – 4:30PM

II. Closed Session

Closed Session is to discuss and consider items such as student discipline, collective negotiating matters, acquisition of land, pending legal matters, and/or personnel for the appointment, employment, pay, discipline, performance, or dismissal as designated by school board policy 2:200.

President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois. Members Present Mr. Matt Kennedy, Mrs. Michelle Stiff, Mrs. Christine Lynn, Mrs. Lorraine Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Angela Huntington. Absent: Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Coffey.

Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer moved that the board go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and student discipline. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynn and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Huntington, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Stiff, and Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer. Nays: None.

III. Call to Order and Roll Call - Special Meeting – 6:20 PM

President Kennedy reconvened the meeting into Special Session at 6:20 p.m. in the Board room at the Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois and asked for roll call. Members Present: Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Absent: Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Coffey.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors

Mr. Kennedy welcomed all guest in person and watching livestream.

IV. Public Comment on Any Agenda Item

Members of the public may make comments to the Board of Education on any item listed on the agenda. The time allotted to comment is limited to five minutes, unless the Board President decides to shorten public comment to conserve time and give the maximum number of individuals opportunity to speak as designated by school board policy 2:230.

No Public Comment.

V. Action Items

H. Student Discipline Recommendation(s) – *Policy 7:190*

Mrs. began by saying, “after receiving and deliberating the information contained in the hearing officer’s report, the Board of Education is charged with deciding:

1. Whether removing the child from his or her learning environment is in the best interest of the school;
2. What the rationale is for the specific duration of the recommended expulsion;
3. Whether all appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions were exhausted; and
4. Whether the continued presence in school would either; (a) pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community, or (b) substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school.

The Board of Education must then convene into public session to formally vote on the motion to expel, if the expulsion is the consensus arrived at during executive session.”

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn that Student W242503 be expelled from all District 204 programs until January 2026. The Board of Education then stayed the expulsion so Student W242503 may continue their education through Lincoln School for the duration of the recommended expulsion. Student W242503 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in January 2026. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mrs. Stiff, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn that Student W242505 be expelled from all District 204 programs until January 2027. The Board of Education then stayed the expulsion so Student W242505 may continue their education through Lincoln School for the duration of the recommended expulsion. Student W242505 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in January 2027. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, Dr. Huntington, Mrs. Stiff, and Mr. Kennedy. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn that Student W242506S be expelled from all District 204 programs until January 2027, with placement to be determined by IEP team. Student W24256S may reenroll at Joliet Township

High School District 204 in January 2027. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynn that Student W242508S be expelled from all District 204 programs until January 2026, with placement to be determined by IEP team. Student W24258S may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in January 2026. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stiff and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Stiff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, and Dr. Huntington. Nays: None.

VI. Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business.

VII. New Business

No New Business.

VIII. Board Reports

Dr. Huntington shared that she attended the Triple I Conference and the keynote speakers were great and she enjoyed the sessions.

IX. Announcements/Public Comment

No Announcements/Public Comments

Upon a motion by Mrs. Stiff and seconded by Mrs. Guerrero Neumayer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Mr. Matthew Kennedy
President

Mrs. Christine Lynn,
Secretary