



SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINUTES

MEETING: Special Board Meeting/Student Hearings	DATE: March 20, 2025	TIME: 5:30 p.m.	LOCATION: John W. English Administrative Center
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ashanti Bland, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvette Ware-DeVaull, Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Leslie L. Smith-Thomas, Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Talisha Belk, Treasurer
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amani Johnson, Trustee	<input type="checkbox"/> Jillian Holloway, Trustee
			<input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Denson, Trustee
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Green, Ed.D. Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/> Lanissa Freeman, Deputy Superintendent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Jackson, Chief of Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> , Chief of Talent Mtg
		<input type="checkbox"/> Marc Ingram, Chief Financial Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Luddington, Manager of Pupil Accounting
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sommer Caldwell-Carruthers, Executive Director of Instruction	<input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Corace, Chief Operations Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> April Rogers, Exe. Dir., State and Federal Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Angela Smith, Exec. Director of ISSN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minutes: Carolyn Foster, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education	Student Board Representatives: <input type="checkbox"/> Micaela Beckford, UHSA <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Spragins, Southfield A&T

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Ware-DeVaull at 5:38 p.m. Board Vice President Ware-DeVaull read the opening statement and Trustee roll call was taken. Trustee Bland, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Belk, Trustee Holloway, and Trustee Denson were excused from this meeting.

2. Action Items

a. 10-2024-25

- Vice President Ware-DeVaull and Trustee Johnson introduced themselves.
- Chief Jackson introduced himself and Ms. Foster.
- The administrator introduced them self.
- The parent and student introduced themselves.
- The parent states they received the letter from the district regarding the suspension and the violations to the Southfield Public School's Student Code of Conduct as follows:

Article V, Section D: Specific Prohibited Behaviors/Conduct:

#01 Possession, Sale or Use of a Weapon

#19 Disobedience/Failure to Cooperate with School Personnel

#27 Safety Concerns

- The parent understood the right to have legal counsel and waived that right.
- The parent wished to hold the meeting in private.
- Vice President Ware-DeVaull moved to hold the board meeting in closed session under section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the dismissal, suspension or disciplining of student 10-2024-25, at the parents' request and it was supported by Trustee Johnson.
- There was no quorum.
- Closed Session started at 5:40 p.m.

- Vice President Ware-DeVauall asked the administrator, parent, and student to step out for deliberations.
- Closed Session ended at 6:10 p.m.
- The family was advised that they would receive a decision after the March 25, 2025, Study Session.
- There was no quorum and no decision was made.

b. 11-2024-25

- Vice President Ware-DeVauall and the Trustees introduced themselves.
- Chief Jackson introduced himself and Ms. Foster.
- The administrator introduced them self.
- The parents and student introduced themselves.
- The parents states they did receive the letter from the district regarding the suspension and the violations to the Southfield Public School's Student Code of Conduct as follows:

Article V, Section D: Specific Prohibited Behaviors/Conduct:

#01 Use, Possession, Sale or Distribution of Drugs

#19 Disobedience/Failure to Cooperate with School Personnel

#19g Habitual Persistent Misconduct

- The student pled guilty to #19 and #19g and not guilty to #01.
- The parent understood the right to have legal counsel and waived that right.
- The parent wished to hold the meeting in private.
- Vice President Ware-DeVauall moved to hold the board meeting in closed session under section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the dismissal, suspension or disciplining of student 10-2024-25, at the parents' request and it was supported by Trustee Johnson.
- There was no quorum.
- Closed Session started at 6:30 p.m.
- Vice President Ware-DeVauall asked the administrator, parent, and student to step out for deliberations.
- Closed Session ended at 7:30 p.m.
- The family was advised that they would receive a decision after the March 25, 2025, Study Session.
- There was no quorum and no decision was made.

3. Public Participation

- There was no public participation.

4. Adjournment

- Vice President Ware-DeVauall adjourned the Special Board Meeting/Student Hearings at 7:34 p.m.

Approved on: April 8, 2025

Yvette Ware-DeVauall, Vice President