

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Special Meeting
January 19, 2015
5:00 pm – VAB
MINUTES

Members Present: Wil Emmert, Rudy Callen, Carol Lohman, Tina Forsyth, Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: David Schriemer, Deborah Harsha

Secretary Karen Hill

Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Keevin O'Neill, Adam Brush

Guests Present: Student 2014-15B and family

I. STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING - Student 2014-15B

A. Call to Order

B. Audience

C. If Closed Session: Approval to go into Closed Session at the request of the student and parents, which is in accordance with Public Act #267, Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act of 1976, as amended - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Callen to go into closed session per the above.

Ayes: Emmert, Callen, Lohman, Forsyth, Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: David Schriemer, Deborah Harsha

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously

II. BOARD ACTION – Return to Open Session

A. If the Board has Determined that One or More of the Following Exceptions to MCL 380:1311 Apply: A) the object or instrument was not possessed for use as a weapon, or for direct or indirect delivery to another person for use as a weapon; B) the weapon was not knowingly possessed; C) the student did not know or have reason to know that the object or instrument possessed constituted a dangerous weapon, or D) the weapon was possessed at the suggestion, request, or direction of, or with the express permission of a District administrator or the police, then Approval of Administrative recommendation for expulsion provided for by the Vicksburg Community School's Policy 5500E, Vicksburg Community School's Bylaws and Policies 5610, Administrative Guidelines 5610, Bylaws and Policies 5610.01, the Vicksburg High School Handbook, page 28, Section SS, Weapons: Dangerous Weapons for the period of one full semester.

Discussion: Board Members had discussion on how the knife was used. Mr. O'Neill clarified that the knife was not brought to school for use as a weapon and was not used.

A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Callen for approval of Administrative recommendation for expulsion provided for by the Vicksburg Community School's Policy 5500E, Vicksburg Community School's Bylaws and Policies 5610, Administrative Guidelines 5610, Bylaws and Policies 5610.01, the Vicksburg High School Handbook, page 28, Section SS, Weapons: Dangerous Weapons for the period of one full semester.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Knowles stated that the student may not be on the premises without administrative permission. The student may apply for readmission after one complete semester as long as the following apply: clean drug test at time of re-admittance, drug counseling, behavior contract, and success in another educational facility (includes the WAY Program). The student will be allowed to take final exams under administrative supervision.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

President Virgil Knowles
Date: February 9, 2015

Secretary Karen Hill