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Watertown Unified School District***

**Special Board Meeting
Proceedings**

February 21, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mark Putra, on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room, at the Educational Service Center, 111 Dodge Street, Watertown, Wisconsin. Mark Putra led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Paul VanDenLangenberg, Jennifer Bakke, Ron Buchanan, Mark Holland, Tony Arnett, Karrie Uttech, Frances Milburn and Mark Putra

Board Members Absent: Steve Kauffeld

Contemplated Closed Session

It was moved by Ron Buchanan, seconded by Fran Milburn, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that the Board recess to Closed Session for the purpose of conducting Expulsion Hearing “A” pursuant to the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(a)(f), Wisconsin Statutes.

The student and parents were present for the hearing, which began at 6:00 p.m.

Cassandra Schug, Superintendent of Schools, introduced the administration present: Jon Rouse, RMS Principal; Luke Spielman, RMS Assistant Principal; Erin Meyer, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning; and Jeff Meloy, PSLO.

The administration presented testimony and charges in support of the recommendation for expulsion. Discussion followed.

The student and parents were given the opportunity to present testimony to the Board relative to the Administration’s recommendation for expulsion. Discussion followed.

After the Hearing was completed, the Board deliberated in Closed Session.

Reconvenement

It was moved by Ron Buchanan, seconded by Tony Arnett, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Board reconvene in Open Session.

Conclusions of the Board

1. The student engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority which endangered the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority.
2. The Board has weighed the interest of the student in receiving a free public education and the interest of fellow students, the faculty, staff and the school, and has found that the appropriate discipline is expulsion and that the interest of the school demands expulsion.

Order

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the School Board of the Watertown Unified School District that:

1. The student be expelled from the Watertown Unified School District commencing February 21, 2018, and continuing until the student's 16th birthday
2. During the period of expulsion, except for any period of probationary readmission, the student shall not enter school property at any time or attend any school sponsored events either on or off school property without prior specific permission of the building principal.
3. The student may apply for probationary readmission to the schools of the District effective September 4, 2018, the first day of the first semester of the 2018/19 school year under the following conditions:
 - a. Complete an assessment for alcohol and other drugs at non-District expense. The student will share with the school district the results of the assessment and any recommendations from the assessment prior to being allowed to re-enroll in the school of the District.
 - b. Present written verification of compliance with any recommendations contained in the assessment during the period of expulsion at non-District expense.

A determination as to whether the student has met the above conditions for probationary readmission will be made by a District Administrator, other than a Principal or Assistant in the student's school, and such determination is final and without appeal. If the District Administrator finds that the student has met the conditions for early probationary readmission, the Administrator shall grant the student early probationary reinstatement to the schools of the District. If the student applies for early probationary readmission on a date later than the date the student becomes eligible for probationary readmission, the Administrator will determine the timeline for any such return to school based on the school calendar.

4. During the period of probationary readmission, if any, the student agrees to:
 - a. Present written verification that they have completed a drug test at non-District expense within 10 days of returning to school and furnish the results of the test to the Administration, the results of which must be negative.
 - b. Attend ATODA classes (Prime for Life).
 - c. Meet at least monthly with a WHS school counselor, social worker or school psychologist.
 - d. Voluntarily submit to future random drug and/or alcohol testing at non-District expense and furnish the results of any such test to the Administration, the results of which must be negative.
 - e. Have no significant infractions of any school rules that would result in suspension.

Failure to observe the conditions set forth above will result in the implementation of the remaining period of expulsion ordered by the Board.

A motion to accept the above findings of fact, conclusions of law and the Order was made by Ron Buchanan, seconded by Tony Arnett, and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Contemplated Closed Session

It was moved by Tony Arnett, seconded by Karrie Uttech, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that the Board recess to Closed Session for the purpose of conducting Expulsion Hearing "B" pursuant to the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(a)(f), Wisconsin Statutes.

The student, parent, and grandparent were present for the hearing, which began at 7:15 p.m.

Cassandra Schug, Superintendent of Schools, introduced the administration present: Jon Rouse, RMS Principal; Luke Spielman, RMS Assistant Principal; Erin Meyer, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning; and Jeff Meloy, PSLO.

The administration presented testimony and charges in support of the recommendation for expulsion. Discussion followed.

The student, parent, and grandparent were given the opportunity to present testimony to the Board relative to the Administration's recommendation for expulsion. Discussion followed.

After the Hearing was completed, the Board deliberated in Closed Session.

Reconvenement

It was moved by Ron Buchanan, seconded by Jennifer Bakke, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Board reconvene in Open Session.

Conclusions of the Board:

1. The student engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority which endangered the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority and has repeatedly refused to follow school rules.
2. The Board has weighed the interest of the student in receiving a free public education and the interest of fellow students, the faculty, staff and the school, and has found that the appropriate discipline is expulsion and that the interest of the school demands expulsion.

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2. During the period of expulsion, except for any period of probationary readmission, the student shall not enter school property at any time or attend any school sponsored events either on or off school property without prior specific permission of the building principal.
3. The student may apply for probationary readmission to the schools of the District effective September 4, 2018, the first day of the first semester of the 2018/19 school year under the following conditions:
 - a. Complete an assessment for alcohol and other drugs and a mental health assessment at non-District expense. The student will share with the school district the results of the assessments and any recommendations from the assessments prior to being allowed to re-enroll in the school of the District.
 - b. Present written verification of compliance with any recommendations contained in the assessments during the period of expulsion at non-District expense.

A determination as to whether the student has met the above conditions for probationary readmission will be made by a District Administrator, other than a Principal or Assistant in the student's school, and such determination is final and without appeal. If the District Administrator finds that the student has met the conditions for early probationary readmission, the Administrator shall grant the student early probationary reinstatement to the schools of the District. If the student applies for early

probationary readmission on a date later than the date the students becomes eligible for probationary readmission, the Administrator will determine the timeline for any such return to school based on the school calendar.

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 - a. Present written verification that the student has completed a drug test at non-District expense within 10 days of returning to school and furnish the results of the test to the Administration, the results of which must be negative.
 - b. Attend ATODA classes (Prime for Life)
 - c. Meet at least monthly with a WHS school counselor, social worker or school psychologist.
 - d. Provide written verification of compliance with the recommendations in the drug and alcohol assessment and the mental health assessment, at non-District expense, whenever requested to do so by the Administration.
 - e. Voluntarily submit to future random drug and/or alcohol testing at non-District expense whenever requested to do so by the Administration and furnish the results of any such test to the Administration, the results of which must be negative.
 - f. Have no significant infractions of any school rules that would result in suspension.

Failure to observe the conditions set forth above will result in the implementation of the remaining period of expulsion ordered by the Board.

A motion to accept the above findings of fact, conclusions of law and the Order was made by Ron Buchanan, seconded by Tony Arnett, and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Contemplated Closed Session: It was moved by Fran Milburn, seconded by Jennifer Bakke, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, that the Board go into closed session Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute, 19.85(1)(c): Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and 19.85(1)(e): Deliberating or negotiation the purchasing of public property, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

The Board was briefed on a personnel retirement. No motions were taken in closed session.

Reconvenement: It was moved by Ron Buchanan, seconded by Jennifer Bakke, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Board reconvene in Open Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ron Buchanan, seconded by Jennifer Bakke, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the meeting be adjourned. Adjournment followed at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Putra
Board President (signed)

(DISCLAIMER: These minutes are uncorrected and any correction made thereto will be noted in the meeting at which they are approved.)