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Watertown Unified School District***

**Special Board Meeting
Proceedings**

May 7, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Tony Arnett, on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room, at the Educational Service Center, 111 Dodge Street, Watertown, Wisconsin. Tony Arnett led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mark Holland, Karrie Uttech, Fran Milburn, Paul VanDenLangenberg, Jennifer Bakke, Ron Buchanan, Fred Jandt, Steve Kauffeld, and Tony Arnett

Board Members Absent: None

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, parent, and grandparents were present for the hearing, which began at 5:30 p.m.

Cassandra Schug, Superintendent of Schools, introduced the administration present: Bill Loss, WHS Principal; Josh Kerr, WHS Assistant Principal; and Erin Meyer, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning.

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

The student, parent, and grandparents 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 Steve Kauffeld, 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 endangered the property, health or safety of any employee or school board member of the school district in which the pupil is enrolled.

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 May 7, 2018, and continuing until the student's 21st 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 the first day of the third trimester of the 2018/19 school year under the following conditions:
 - a. Complete threat assessment with a licensed professional counselor 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.
 - c. Present a written recommendation form a licensed professional counselor that the student is not a risk to themselves or others as therefore safe to return to school.
 - d. Engage in an on-line learning experience as determined by the students school counselor

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.

4. During the period of probationary readmission, if any, the student agrees to:
 - a. Present written verification of continued compliance with the recommendations of the threat assessment whenever requested to do so at non-District expense.
 - b. Not engage in inappropriate physical contact including, but not limited to, fighting, hitting, pushing, shoving, poking, pinching or grabbing another person.
 - c. Not engage in inappropriate verbal conduct including, but not limited to threatening someone via written means, including electronic communication.
 - d. Check in at least monthly with the WHS School Psychologist.

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 Steve Kauffeld, and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ron Buchanan, seconded by Fran Milburn, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the meeting be adjourned. Adjournment followed at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett
Board President (signed)

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