

**Meeting of the Gentry Board of Education
District #19
Minutes of Board of Education**

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No 5	Special	Central	6:00 p.m.	September 23, 2021

Present

David Williamson – President
Melissa Holland – Secretary
Jim Barnes – Member
Gary Dunlap- Member
John Skaggs - Member

Absent

Randall Bolinger - Vice President
Jon Holt – Member

Call to Order

Mr. Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with 5 members present. Mr. Holt and Mr. Bolinger were absent.

Moment of Silence

Observed

Student Expulsion Hearing – Student # 403006796

The parent indicated that she wished to have a closed board hearing. At 6:02 pm, the board entered closed session with the parent and grandparent of the student. Mr. Harper and Ms. Metz were included initially with the Board.

At 6:17 pm the parents were excused.

At 6:22 pm the Board requested to speak with the student personally and the parent left to get the student. The parent returned with the student and entered session with the Board at 6:29 pm. All were excused again at 6:56 pm and the Board entered deliberation on the matter in closed session.

At 7:08 pm the Board returned to open session to announce their decision.

Melissa Holland moved to put the expulsion on hold with the following stipulations:

1. The student will have no further disciplinary issues
2. The student will get his grade point average up to 2.0 by the end of December
3. The student will engage in learning consistently

4. The Board will reconsider the matter in December to determine if the student has taken full advantage of this second chance and is meeting their conditions of continued attendance.

Jim Barnes seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Ms. Holland and Mr. Williamson both addressed the student and explained this was a second chance and encouraged the student to embrace it. Ms. Holland told the student “if you need help it is available to you. You just need to ask.” Mr. Williamson agreed and told the student that if he needed help there were people on staff who would help him if he asked. Mr. Williamson also addressed the parent and grandparent and said, “that offer of help extends to you as well.” All Board members offered encouragement and suggestions for success. All agreed that this offer of “grace” would be revoked, and the student would be expelled if there were further issues, or he failed to meet their conditions as presented. The parent thanked the board for their willingness to give the student a chance to redeem the situation.

Adjourn

At 7:10 pm, Gary Dunlap moved to adjourn, and Melissa Holland seconded. The motion carried 5-0.