

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No 15	Special	Central	6:00 p.m.	December 16, 2021

Present

David Williamson – President
Melissa Holland – Secretary
Randall Bolinger - Vice President
Gary Dunlap- Member
John Skaggs – Member

Absent

Jim Barnes – Member
Jon Holt – Member

Call to Order

Mr. Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with five members present. Mr. Holt and Mr. Barnes were unable to attend. Ms. Freeman, a student and parent were in attendance as well.

Moment of Silence

Observed

Student Expulsion Hearing – student ID # 403006064

The student was accompanied by a parent. The parent chose a closed hearing and the Board entered closed session at 6:01pm with Ms. Metz, Ms. Freeman, the parent and the student. At 6:13 pm, the parent and student and Ms. Freeman left the room. The Board entered executive session with Ms. Metz. At 6:23 pm Ms. Metz was excused.

At 6:32 pm the Board returned to open session.

Gary Dunlap recommended that the Board not expel the student at this time but rather have him finish his suspension. The suspension ends on 12/21/2021 and the student could return on 12/22/2021. John Skaggs seconded and the vote carried 5-0.

Mr. Williamson told the student this would be his one second chance. He is to separate himself from the other student involved. If he is brought before the Board for disciplinary action again the result will not be the same. Randall Bolinger agreed and told the student that generally an expulsion is for one calendar year. He told the student that returning before the Board for fighting would result in his voting for expulsion. The student was told that if there are other instances of cyberbullying directed toward him, he should tell an adult and not take matters into his own hands. Ms. Holland encouraged him to be aware of the type of people he is surrounding

himself with and to choose friends that will “lift him up”. She said “We do take bullying seriously when we are aware it is happening; you should not take matters into your own hands.”

Adjourn

At 6:40 pm Randall Bolinger moved to adjourn and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried unanimously.