

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

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>
No 18	Special	Central	6:00 pm	January 18, 2022

**Present**

David Williamson – President  
Melissa Holland – Secretary  
Randall Bolinger - Vice President  
Jim Barnes – Member  
John Skaggs – Member  
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**Absent**

Jon Holt – Member  
Gary Dunlap- Member

**Call to Order**

Mr. Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with 5 members present. Mr. Holt and Mr. Dunlap were unable to attend.

**Moment of Silence**

Observed

Student Expulsion Hearing- Student #

The parent asked for a closed hearing and the Board entered closed session at 6:01 pm with the student, his parents, Ms. Metz, and Ms. Freeman.

The Board asked to speak with the administrators alone at 6:21 pm.

The Board entered executive session at 6:40pm. They asked Ms. Metz back and had questions for her at 6:50 pm. She exited again at 6:56 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 7:03 pm

Jim Barnes recommended the Board agree to vote to not expel the student with the following stipulations:

1. He will see the counselor on a regular basis, once per day on campus
2. He will be allowed to also see the counselor when he feels the need for help dealing with overwhelming emotions/anger.

John Skaggs seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

As is their normal procedure the Board explained to the student that his anger had to be managed and they would only show “mercy” this once. If he failed to follow the stipulations and if he is in serious trouble again, he will be expelled. They assured the student that they wanted to see him succeed and learn life-long coping skills. When it was noted that beyond the school counseling available, there were also local free counseling services for students and families available through John Brown University the father became indignant and accused the board of disrespect.

**Adjourn**

Melissa Holland moved to adjourn at 7:12 pm and Jim Barnes seconded. The vote carried 5-0.