

**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 12	Special	Central Office	7:08 p.m.	January 10, 2023

**Present**

**Absent**

David Williamson – President  
 Jim Barnes – Vice- President  
 Melissa Holland – Secretary  
 Gary Dunlap- Member  
 Becky Burkhalter - Member  
 Stacey Nations - Member

The Board met in special session with 6 members present. Mr. Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

**Moment of Silence**

Observed

**Expulsion Hearing for Student #**

The student was present along with his mother, grandparents and great grandmother. Ms. Burkhalter excused herself from the hearing room because of a conflict of interest. Mr. Williamson noted that they could choose an open or closed hearing but the Board always preferred to conduct such matters in private session. The parents agreed and asked that the hearing be closed to all those not directly involved. The Board closed the hearing to the public at 7:09 pm.

At 7:14 pm the Board dismissed the family, student and Principal Blanchard and Assistant Principal Little. The Board entered executive session with Ms. DePaola.

At 7: 23 pm the Board returned to open session. Jim Barnes moved that the Board grant the appeal and allow the student to return to school tomorrow, with the stipulation that there would be no more tolerance for disciplinary issues. Any further disciplinary infractions will result in expulsion. Gary Dunlap seconded. Mr. Dunlap encouraged the student to accept the support available to him and meet it half-way. He told him that he was behind his class but could catch up if he worked hard and set his mind to it. Mr. Williamson told the student that between now and April there was no room for any issues. He told him that if there was any trouble at all he would be back before the board. The student verbalized that he understood. The parents thanked the Board for their consideration and decision.

At 7:27 pm Melissa Holland moved to adjourn and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

