

**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 11	Special	Central Office	6:45 p.m.	January 10, 2023

**Present**

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

**Absent**

**Call to Order**

The Board met in special session with 6 members present. Mr. Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**Moment of Silence:**

Observed

**Expulsion Hearing for Student #**

The student was present along with his parents and sibling. 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 6:36 pm.

At 6:39 pm the Board dismissed the parents, student and Principal Blanchard and Assistant Principal Little. Ms. DePaola remained with the Board. At 6:51 pm the Board entered executive session.

At 6:55 pm the Board returned to open session. Melissa Holland recommended that the Board forego expulsion with the stipulation that this student would be under a “no tolerance” understanding. If he commits another disciplinary offense during the remainder of his high school career, he will not come before the board but will be immediately expelled for one calendar year from the date of the offense. Jim Barnes seconded and the vote carried 6-0.

The Board encouraged the student to stay out of trouble going forward, warning this was his “only chance. Ms. Holland recommended the student research the dangers of vaping. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Williamson encouraged the student to step up and let this be a turning point.

The parents and student thanked the Board for the second chance.

At 6:59 pm Melissa Holland moved to adjourn and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 6-0.