

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No. 2	Special	Central Office	5:30 pm	August 23, 2023

Present:

David Williamson–President
Jim Barnes–Vice President
Melissa Holland– Secretary
Chad Amos–Member
Becky Burkhalter–Member
Stacy Nations–Member

Absent:

Gary Dunlap–Member

1. Call to order

The Special called board meeting was called to order by Mr. Williamson at 5:32 pm with six members present. Gary Dunlap was absent. Mr. Blanchard, High school Principal was present.

2. Moment of Silence

Observed

3. Expulsion Hearing for Student

The student #403006396 and a parent were present. Mr. Williamson asked the parent if they wanted the hearing to be private or public. The parent replied private.

The Board closed the hearing to the public at 5:33 pm.

At 5:44 pm the Board dismissed the student, parent, Mr. Blanchard. The Board met in executive session with Ms. DePaola. Ms. DePaola came out of executive session at 6:00 pm

The Board returned from executive session at 6:10 pm.

Jim Barnes made the following motion:

- The Board will table the expulsion for now provided the student enrolls in school and is accepted in the district where the other parent lives.
- If the student returns to Gentry the expulsion will be upheld for one calendar year.

Melissa Holland seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

Melissa Holland asked the parent if the student is going to be able to enroll in the other school, the parent indicated the school is aware of the situation.

Stacy Nations encouraged the student to take this opportunity to make better choices.

Becky Burkhalter reminded the student there are bad influences everywhere and to make good choices.

Jim Barnes encouraged the student to find good friends. The school board wants you to be successful, so you need to step up and follow through.

Stacy Nations made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.