

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

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>
No. 3	Special	Central Office	5:30 pm	August 29, 2023

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Gary Dunlap–Member  
Stacy Nations –Member

**1. Call to order**

The Special called board meeting was called to order by Mr. Williamson at 5:44 pm with five members present. Gary Dunlap and Stacy Nations were absent. Mr. Blanchard, High school Principal and Brian Little, High school Assistant Principal were present.

**2. Moment of Silence**

Observed

**3. Expulsion Hearing for Student 5:30 pm**

The student #403006146 and guardian were present. Mr. Williamson asked the guardian if they wanted the hearing to be private or public. The guardian replied private.

The Board closed the hearing to the public at 5:44 pm.

At 5:47 pm the Board dismissed the student, parent, Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Little. The Board met in executive session with Ms. DePaola. Ms. DePaola came out of executive session at 5:54 pm

The Board returned from executive session at 5:56 pm.

Melissa Holland made the following motion:

- The student will be expelled from school for the remainder of this semester, August 29- December 19, 2023.
- Online classes will be provided. The student must have passing grades in these classes in order to return to school on January 4, 2024.
- If the student does not have passing grades in the core classes the expulsion will be extended for one year, August 29, 2023- August 29, 2024.
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Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

The Board members encouraged the student to stay out of trouble, make better choices and stay on top of school work.

Melissa Holland made a motion to adjourn the first expulsion hearing and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The first expulsion hearing was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

#### **4) Student Expulsion Hearing at 6:00 pm**

The Special called board meeting was called to order by Mr. Williamson at 6:05 pm with five members present. Gary Dunlap and Stacy Nations were absent. Mr. Blanchard, High school Principal and Brian Little, High school Assistant Principal were present.

A moment of silence was observed.

The student #403006001 and parents were present. Mr. Williamson asked the parents if they wanted the hearing to be private or public. The parents replied private.

The Board closed the hearing to the public at 6:05 pm.

At 6:09 pm the Board dismissed the student, parents, Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Little and went into executive session. The Board returned from executive session at 6:19 pm.

Melissa Holland made the following motion:

- The student can return to school on Monday, September 11, 2023 for the remainder of the year.
- No discipline issues of any kind for one year or the student could be expelled.
- The student and parents will need to meet with Mr. Blanchard or Mr. Little to watch a video about the dangers of vaping before returning to school.

Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0

Melissa Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.