

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No. 4	Special	Central Office	5:30 pm	September 15, 2023

Present:

Jim Barnes–Vice President
Melissa Holland– Secretary
Gary Dunlap–Member
Becky Burkhalter–Member
Stacy Nations–Member

Absent:

David Williamson–President
Chad Amos–Member

1. Call to order

The Special called board meeting was called to order by Mr. Barnes at 5:32 pm with five members present. David Williamson and Chad Amos were absent. Mr. Blanchard, High school Principal and Brian Little, High school Assistant Principal were present. Coach Bigham, Coach Mullen and Coach Clark were present.

2. Moment of Silence

Observed

3. Expulsion Hearing for Student

The student #403006207 and a parent were present. Mr. Barnes 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 5:32 pm.

At 5:40 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 5:44 pm

The Board returned from executive session at 5:50 pm.

Melissa Holland made the following motion:

- The student will not be expelled.
- No discipline issue of any kind for this school year or the student could be expelled.
- A written apology to the staff member.

Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Jim Barnes commented to the student that it shows maturity to continue to complete assignments while suspended.

Melissa Holland commented that it speaks volumes of the support the student has.

The student can return to school next Friday, September 22, 2023.

Becky Burkhalter mentioned that another discipline issue for a different student had been brought to her attention. Ms. DePaola said she would look into the situation.

4. Student Expulsion Revisit

An expulsion previously tabled for student 403006396 will now be upheld. The student was not allowed to enroll in the other district as planned. The student will be enrolled in online classes and expelled one calendar year beginning August 24, 2023 - August 23, 2024.

5. Facilities and Transportation

a. Added a job to salary schedule

Proposed Changes:

- Deactivate the Fleet Manager line from the classified salary schedule.
- Create a Transportation Supervisor line on the classified salary schedule that is the same salary/steps as the Maintenance and Custodial Supervisor lines.
- Create a Diesel Technician line on the classified salary schedule that is the same salary/steps as the Technology Technician line.
- Add ASE certification to the stipend list as \$1500

Would like to propose not filling the now vacant position of Fleet manager and add a Transportation Supervisor. The position will schedule trips, handle bus drivers attendance, communicate with parents, and keep routes on track and updated.

Add a Diesel Tech. This position will be responsible for the maintenance of the fleet. Will need the knowledge to work on the buses.

Transportation helper– will help with oil changes, wash buses, etc.

These three positions have been taken to the CPPC and were passed.

Jim Barnes asked if we could incorporate the Diesel Tech job to work with the Diesel Mechanics class.

Mr. Barrett said this could possibly work, but the position is an 8 am - 3 pm hour to give them time to work on the fleet when the buses are not out on routes or trips.

The Diesel Tech will need time to work on the fleet. We are currently spending \$125-\$203 per hour for labor when we send the buses out for maintenance.

Gary Dunlap made a motion for an emergency clause to get these positions posted as presented. Melissa Holland seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

6. Board Election

Ms DePaola has been in contact with the State Election Board and State says Stacy and Chad do not have to run again. We followed all the rules and are legal.

Ms. DePaola reminded the Board about the training being offered on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Fall Leadership meeting in Rogers Thursday, September 21.

Melissa Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm. Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

