



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICE

Board Member Steve Guthrie made a motion to convene to Closed Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(b) to conduct a formal Expulsion Hearing for a Blaine County School District student. The motion was seconded by Paul Bates and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Julie Dahlgren: Aye
Steve Guthrie: Aye
Paul Bates: Aye
Kathryn Graves: Aye

Present were Board Chair Julie Dahlgren and Board Members Steve Guthrie, Paul Bates and Kathryn Graves. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lonnie Barber and Board Clerk, Laurie Kaufman.

Board Chair Julie Dahlgren stated that a quorum was present.

I. Closed Executive Session

The Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a formal Expulsion Hearing commenced at 5:30 p.m. in the Blaine County School District Office located at 118 West Bullion St, Hailey, Blaine County, Idaho, to determine whether or not the recommended expulsion of Student No. 2010-11:07 should be approved by the Board of Trustees of Blaine County School District No. 61.

Dr. Barber then declared that he was the duly appointed Hearing Officer for the purposes of administering the hearing.

Present at the hearing on behalf of the Administrative Staff were Principal, Pete Jurovich, Assistant Principal, Keith Nelson and Security Resource Officer, Raul Ornelas.

Present on behalf of the student was his mother.

The Hearing Officer verified with both parties that they had received a copy of the Notice of Hearing, which set forth the charges, location, time and date of meeting, and rights of the student as provided by statute.

Thereafter, upon conclusion of opening remarks, the Administrative Staff presented its evidence.

Following the Administrative Staff's presentation of evidence, the student presented his evidence.

The Hearing Officer then allowed both the Administrative Staff and the student to give closing remarks and excused the parties so the Board would deliberate and make a decision.

After a full and complete deliberation and being fully advised in the premises, the Board of Trustees of School District No. 61 hereby find as follows:

1. Student No. 2010-11:07 is a student of this District enrolled at Wood River High School.
2. That on December 9, 2010, Student No. 2010-11:07 did violate Blaine County School District Policy Section 507.5, entitled, 'Weapons.'
3. That on December 9, 2010 the student was temporarily suspended out of school pending a formal Expulsion Hearing. The Principal/Assistant Principal advised the student of the evidence which he had at his disposal in that regard. At that time, the student was allowed to tell his side of the story to the Principal/Assistant Principal.
4. A notice was given to the student and his parents of the temporary suspension.
5. That upon review of the matter, the Principal/Assistant Principal recommended to this Board that the student be expelled from attendance at the District schools.

CONCLUSION

The Blaine County School District Board of Trustees, after consideration of the facts and testimony presented, concluded that the student had violated the policies, rules, and regulations of the School District and such student is guilty of conduct which endangers the health and safety of other students.

There being no further business to discuss the Board of Trustees convened to Open Session.

II. Convene to Open Session

Board Member Steve Guthrie made a motion by stating: The Board of Trustees hereby renders its decision to expel Student No. 2010-11:07 from attendance at the District schools for one calendar year based on a violation of Blaine County School District Policy 507.5. However, Student No. 2010-11:07 will have the opportunity to attend GED classes through CSI at the Community Campus in Hailey under the following conditions:

1. Student must arrive through the Community Campus south entrance five minutes before his GED classes begin and leave within five minutes after class.
2. Student will not trespass on any School District property except for his participation in GED classes at the Community Campus. He will not attend any school sponsored event, including non-School District sponsored activities being held on school property. If student is found to be on School District property or at a School District function, law enforcement will immediately be contacted, and the School District will press trespassing charges against him.
3. Student must comply with all current and future Blaine County School District rules, regulations, and policies while attending GED classes at the Community Campus.

If Student 2010-11:07 would like to re-enroll at Wood River High School, he will need to contact high school administration at the beginning of the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Kathryn Graves and passed unanimously by roll call vote:

Julie Dahlgren: Aye

Steve Guthrie: Aye

Paul Bates: Aye

Kathryn Graves: Aye

There being no further business to discuss, Board Member Paul Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Guthrie and passed unanimously.