

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Education of East Richland Community Unit School District No. 1, Counties of Richland, Wayne and Jasper, in the State of Illinois, held in the Unit Administration Office Board Room, 1100 East Laurel Street, Olney, Illinois, Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

Notice of Special Meeting: This special meeting was called by Mr. Ben Anderson, President of the Board of Education. Notice of the meeting was given at least 48 hours before the meeting, in writing, to each member of the Board of Education and to news media having requested such notice. A copy of the notice was also posted at the main office of this school district. The notice did specify the date, time and place of the meeting and the purpose thereof.

Purpose of Special Meeting: To consider information regarding student discipline.

AGENDA #I – “Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance” – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Jeff Wilson, Vice-President of the Board of Education, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Mr. Ben Anderson, Board President. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA #II – “Roll Call” – The Recording Secretary called the roll of those present and the following members answered to their names as called and were found to be present:

Dr. Gerald M. Mastio, Ms. Jervaise McGlone, Mr. Leon Redman, Mr. Jan D. Ridgely, Mr. Jeff Wilson. Members absent at roll call: Mr. Ben Anderson, Mr. Steve Marrs. A quorum being present, the Chair declared the Board of Education to be in open, public session for the transaction of business.

Present, in addition to Board Members: Ms. Marilyn J. Holt, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Larry Bussard, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Chris Simpson, ERHS Principal; Mr. Chad LeCrone, ERHS Assistant Principal; Ms. Cris Edwards, Assistant Principal at ERHS/ERMS; Mr. Mick Whittler, Special Needs Coordinator. Also present was Mr. Harry Hillis, Jr., Recording Secretary.

Also present as visitors were Ms. Mandy McKnight, Ms. Christina VanMatre, and Ms. Nancy Deimel.

AGENDA #III – “Recognition and Comments from Employees and Public” – None.

AGENDA #IV – “Appoint Presiding Officer” – Mr. Ridgely made a motion to appoint Superintendent Marilyn Holt as the Presiding Officer for the hearing on Student Discipline. Ms. McGlone seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #V – “Executive Session” – Dr. Mastio made a motion to hold a closed meeting, under Section 2(c)(9) of the Open Meetings Act to consider student discipline. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs. The motion having received 5 yea votes and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried. An executive session was held beginning at 6:35 p.m.

Executive Session Ended: Ms. McGlone made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene in open session. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried. A quorum being present, the Board of Education reconvened in open, public session for the transaction of business at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA #VI – “Action on Student Discipline” –

VI-A. Student E10-03-01: Ms. McGlone made a motion that student (E10-03-01) be expelled from school for one calendar year. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs. The motion having received 5 yea votes and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Board Informed of Incident: The administration informed the Board of Education of a recent incident in which a student climbed out of a window on the second floor onto a ledge at the southwest corner of the building and jumped onto the concrete walkway below, a drop of 15-20 feet. The incident occurred when the teacher left the room briefly. The student sustained a wrist fracture and was transported by ambulance to Richland Memorial Hospital. Counseling was given other students following the incident and counseling and other follow-up help is being arranged for the injured student. The Board of Education commended the administration and staff on their actions in dealing with this situation.

AGENDA #VII – “Adjournment” – Mr. Redman made a motion to adjourn. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Unit Administration Office Board Room. Dr. Mastio seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved: President: _____

Secretary: _____