

# Mt. Vernon Township High School Special Open Board of Education Meeting Monday, December 7, 2015 - 4:30 p.m. Hearing #1

The board meeting was called to order by Vice-President Norma Fairchild. Members present were Tena Elliott, Terry Knowles, Ben Mitchell, Larry Smith, and Norma Fairchild. Absent members were Carl Miller and Bill Beck. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Rowdy Fatheree, Assistant Principal Zach Schumacher and Board Recorder Shirilyn Holt.

Vice-President Fairchild asked for a motion to appoint Superintendent Smith to preside over the hearing.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Mitchell to appoint Superintendent Smith to preside over the hearing.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Smith, Mitchell, Elliott, Knowles, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

#### Closed Session

Motion by Elliott and seconded by Smith to approve moving into closed session at 4:32 pm for the purposes of Student Disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Elliott, Smith, Knowles, Mitchell, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

## Open Session

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Knowles to enter open session at 5:00 p.m.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Smith, Knowles, Elliott, Mitchell, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

### Motion of Guilt or Innocence

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Smith that student 12715A be found to have violated school rules by circumstances so related to the school program so as to warrant discipline.

The motion passed by a 4 to 1 vote. (Elliott, Smith, Knowles, Fairchild. No vote - Mitchell, Absent were Miller and Beck)

#### Closed Session

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Elliott to reenter closed session at 5:02 p.m. to deliberate the appropriate punishment.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Smith, Elliott, Knowles, Mitchell, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

## **Open Session**

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Elliott to enter open session at 5:29 p.m.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Smith, Elliott, Knowles, Mitchell, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Smith to expel student 12715A from the Mt. Vernon Township High School for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2015-2016 school year, to be held in abeyance pending successful completion of alternative placement.

The motion passed by a 4 to 1 vote. (Mitchell, Smith, Knowles, Fairchild. No vote - Elliott, Absent were Miller and Beck).

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Fairchild to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

All members present voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

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Norma Fairchild, Vice-President

Date Signed

# Mt. Vernon Township High School Special Open Board of Education Meeting Monday, December 7, 2015 - 5:30 p.m. Hearing #2

The board meeting was called to order by Vice-President Norma Fairchild. Members present were Tena Elliott, Terry Knowles, Ben Mitchell, Larry Smith, and Norma Fairchild. Absent members were Carl Miller and Bill Beck. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Rowdy Fatheree, Assistant Principal Zach Schumacher, Board Recorder Shirilyn Holt, parents, grandparent and student.

Vice-President Fairchild asked for a motion to appoint Superintendent Smith to preside over the hearing.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Mitchell to appoint Superintendent Smith to preside over the hearing.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Smith, Mitchell, Elliott, Knowles, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

#### Closed Session

Motion by Elliott and seconded by Smith to approve moving into closed session at 5:45 p.m. for the purposes of Student Disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Elliott, Smith, Knowles, Mitchell, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

## Open Session

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Fairchild to enter open session at 6:14 p.m.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Elliott, Knowles, Mitchell, Smith, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

#### Motion of Guilt or Innocence

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Smith that student 12715B be found to have violated school rules by circumstances so related to the school program so as to warrant discipline.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Mitchell, Smith, Elliott, Knowles, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

## **Closed Session**

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Smith to reconvene in closed session at 6:15 p.m.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Mitchell, Smith, Elliott, Knowles, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

#### Open Session

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Smith to enter open session at 6:55 p.m.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Mitchell, Smith, Elliott, Knowles, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

## **Discipline Motion**

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Mitchell that student 12715B be expelled from MVTHS for one semester with expulsion being held in abeyance pending successful completion of alternative placement as arranged and approved by the district.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Elliott, Mitchell, Knowles, Smith, Fairchild. Absent were Miller and Beck)

Superintendent Smith explained what held in abeyance meant and the parents should meet with Schumacher as soon as possible for placement. It was also mentioned he would be able to walk with his class at graduation.

## Adjournment

Motion by Mitchell and seconded by Elliott to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

All members presented voted aye.

Norma Fairchild, Vice-President

Date Signed

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary