

Frankfort Community Unit School District #168
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, September 26, 2022 – 6:00 pm

The Board of Education of Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 held a Special Board Meeting on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Junior High School Library, 1600 East Ninth Street, West Frankfort, Illinois.

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum: President Keith Griffith called the Special Meeting of the Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 to order with the following members present: Jon Alexander, Dawn Browning, Larry Burns, Rick Conner, Keith Griffith, Clint Hawkins, and Kevin Toney. Mr. Larry Burns was absent. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to hold hearings regarding student disciplinary cases, consider a Memorandum of Agreement, consider construction bids, and address personnel issues.

Three other people were present including the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, and a building administrator.

B. Hearing of Delegates or Visitors and Public Comments: There was none.

C. New Business:

A. Appointment of Hearing Officer – Mr. Alexander made a Motion to Appoint as Hearing Officer for the Disciplinary Hearings to be held that evening, Mr. Keith Griffith. Mrs. Browning seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

B. Closed Session – The Board voted to Convene in Closed Session **two** times during the meeting to hold hearings regarding student disciplinary cases, as set forth in 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9).

1. Mr. Hawkins made a Motion to Convene in the **first** Closed Session. Mr. Alexander seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The Board was in Closed Session from 6:02 p.m. until 6:37 p.m.

Mr. Alexander made a Motion to Re-Convene in Open Session. Mr. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

2. Mr. Alexander made a Motion to Convene in the **second** Closed Session. Mr. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The board was in Closed Session from 6:39 p.m. to 6:58 p.m.

Mr. Alexander made a Motion to Re-Convene in Open Session. Mr. Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

C. Possible Action on Student Disciplinary Hearings – the Board entertained **two** Motions regarding action on student disciplinary hearings during Open Session during the meeting.

1. After the **first** Closed Session, Mr. Griffith made a Motion that Student #2022-0915-01 be found to have violated school rules by engaging in prohibited student conduct as described in Closed Session Minutes which was deemed to be gross disobedience and misconduct and

that the student's continuing presence constituted a threat to safety and would substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school. Mr. Alexander seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

2. After the **second** Closed Session, in regards to Student #2022-0915-01, Mr. Griffith made a Motion that the suspension of 10 days be upheld and that the student be expelled from Frankfort CUSD #168 for a period through the end of the 2022-2023 school year with the opportunity to attend the STAR Quest Academy Regional Safe School Program of Regional Office of Education #21 and hereby directed the Superintendent to issue a written decision consistent with the Board's decision. Mr. Alexander seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

B. Possible Closed Session: Mrs. Browning made a Motion to Convene in Closed Session to discuss "the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; security procedures, school building safety and security, the use of personnel and equipment to respond . . . to [a] potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property; and . . . other matters relating to individual students" as stated in 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)(2)(8)(10)." Mr. Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The Board was in closed session from 7:00 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.

- Mr. Toney made a Motion to Re-Convene in Open Session. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

D. Business and Operations Proposals and Agreements:

1. **Consideration of Student Teaching Letter of Agreement between Western Governors University in Utah and Frankfort CUSD #168** – Mr. Alexander Made a Motion to Ratify the Student Teaching Letter of Agreement Between Western Governors University and Frankfort CUSD #168. Mrs. Browning seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

E. Facilities:

1. **Consideration of Awarding of Bids for Exterior School Safety Project RE: Barriers and Fencing** – Mr. Hawkins made a Motion to Reject the Bids for the Exterior School Safety Project for Fencing at District Schools. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

F. Personnel:

1. **Acceptance of Letter(s) of Retirement / Resignation / Leave** – There were none.
2. **Employ Support Staff Member – Parent Liaison at DES** – Mr. Alexander made a Motion to Employ Mrs. Alecia Coffey as a Support Staff Member as Parent Liaison at Denning Elementary School provided that background checks have been completed. Mr. toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
3. **Employ Support Staff Member(s) – Chaperones(s) at DES** – Mr. Griffith made a Motion to Employ Mrs. Sharon Stitley and Ms. Sydney Irvin as Support Staff Members as Chaperones at Denning Elementary School provided that background checks have been completed. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

4. **Authorization to Post / Advertise Positions** – Mr. Hawkins made a Motion to Authorize the Superintendent to post a part-time Chaperone position to be used as needed at District Schools. Mr. Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

- IV. **Adjourn:** Mr. Alexander made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. Mr. Griffith seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



President, Keith Griffith



Secretary, Dawn Browning