

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

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 6:00 pm

The Board of Education of Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 held a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 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: Vice-President Clint Hawkins 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, Clint Hawkins, and Kevin Toney. Mr. Keith Griffith was absent. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to hold hearings regarding student disciplinary cases.

Approximately 225 other people were present including the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, six administrators and directors, members of staff and members of the public from within and outside the school district.

B. Hearing of Delegates or Visitors and Public Comments: Between 6:02 p.m. and 6:48 p.m., the following people identified themselves and spoke on either side of the issue in regards to student locker room access: Larry Miller, Bob Maragni, Schannone Steinberger, Ryan Kahl, Luka Larkin with Eli Baltzell, Ryan Smelcer, Doug Eubanks, James Studer, Tim Hastings, Roy Sweet, John Gossett, Kendall Browning, Jeff Joplin, Tabitha Mullins, Mandy Little, Jon Adkins, Mike Smith, Denise Henshaw, Sarah Melvin, and Kaylee Fort.

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. Clint Hawkins. Mr. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

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

1. Mr. Toney made a Motion to Convene in the first Closed Session. Mr. Conner seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The Board was in Closed Session from 6:58 p.m. until 7:43 p.m.

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

2. Mr. Burns made a Motion to Convene in the second Closed Session. Mr. Conner seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The board was in Closed Session from 7:45 p.m. to 8:03 p.m.

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

3. Mr. Burns made a Motion to Convene in the **third** Closed Session. Mr. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The Board was in Closed Session from 8:04 p.m. until 8:26 p.m.

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

4. Mrs. Browning made a Motion to Convene in the **fourth** Closed Session. Mr. Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The board was in Closed Session from 8:28 p.m. to 8:49 p.m.

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

5. Mr. Burns made a Motion to Convene in the **fifth** Closed Session. Mr. Conner seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The Board was in Closed Session from 8:50 p.m. until 9:06 p.m.

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

6. Mr. Alexander made a Motion to Convene in the **sixth** Closed Session. Mr. Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The board was in Closed Session from 9:08 p.m. to 9:19 p.m.

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

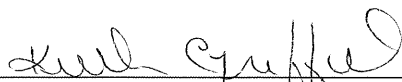
C. Possible Action on Student Disciplinary Hearings – the Board entertained **two** Motions regarding action on student disciplinary hearings during Open Session during the meeting.

1. After the **first** Closed Session, Mr. Alexander made a Motion that Student #2022-1014-01 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. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.
2. After the **second** Closed Session, in regards to Student #2022-1014-01, Mr. Alexander 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 Project ECHO Alternative School Program of Regional Office of Education #21 or Mary Logan High School, a program of John A. Logan College, and hereby directed the Superintendent to issue a written decision consistent with the Board's decision. Mr. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.
3. After the **third** Closed Session, Mr. Alexander made a Motion that Student #2022-1014-02 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. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

4. After the **fourth** Closed Session, in regards to Student #2022-1014-02, Mr. Alexander 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 attend the Project ECHO Alternative School Program of Regional Office of Education #21 or Mary Logan High School, a program of John A. Logan College, and hereby directed the Superintendent to issue a written decision consistent with the Board's decision. Mrs. Browning seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.
5. After the **fifth** Closed Session, Mr. Alexander made a Motion that Student #2022-1014-03 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. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.
6. After the **sixth** Closed Session, in regards to Student #2022-1014-03, Mr. Alexander 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 attend the Project ECHO Alternative School Program of Regional Office of Education #21 or Mary Logan High School, a program of John A. Logan College, and hereby directed the Superintendent to issue a written decision consistent with the Board's decision. Mr. Conner seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Adjourn: Mr. Hawkins made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Browning seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



President, Keith Griffith



Secretary, Dawn Browning