

The Fordyce School Board met in special session on Friday, January 14, 2022 at noon in the conference room at the central office. The meeting was called to order by Deborah Mathews at 12:04 p.m.

Word of prayer was given by Nick Cranford.

Those answering roll call were Susan Ridings, Silas Warner, Deborah Mathews, Nick Cranford, and Dr. Hubbell.

New Business

Expulsion hearing for two students.

Deborah Mathews asked if the parent and first student wanted the hearing open or closed. The parent asked for an open hearing.

Dr. Hubbell stated that the student had been charged with a felony and that is a serious offense. She asked the board for expulsion for the remainder of the school year. If the student is found innocent he can come back to school.

Chase McCollum told the board members the students discipline record was attached to the expulsion letter. He explained to the board the student has a lengthy discipline record of past issues at Fordyce High School.

Mrs. Mathews asked the parent and student if they had any questions or comments. Neither had anything to say.

Nick Cranford made a motion to go into executive session at 12:09 p.m. Silas Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Silas Warner made a motion to end the executive session at 12:14 p.m. Nick Cranford seconded the motion.

Nick Cranford made a motion to expel the student for the remainder of the school year. Silas Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Deborah Mathews explained to the student that he would be expelled for the remainder of the school year. She told him to contact Mr. McCollum about his school work and it will be up to the student to make sure his assignments are completed.

Deborah Mathews asked the parent and second student if they wanted an open or closed hearing. The parent asked for a closed hearing.

Dr. Hubbell apologized to the family for having to postpone the first hearing on January 10, 2022. Dr. Hubbell told the board she was recommending expulsion for the remainder of the year due to the student being charged with a felony. If he is found innocent he may return to

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school this school year. She also told the student he wouldn't be allowed to come on the campus for any activities as long as he was expelled.

Mr. McCollum told the board that there were no discipline records for this student.

Deborah Mathews asked the student if he had any questions. The parent asked if he could graduate with his IEP. Dr. Hubbell told her that he would be able to graduate but if the charges are still pending he wouldn't be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. The parent stated that the student had gotten mixed up with the wrong crowd.

Silas Warner excused himself from the meeting due to being related to the student.

Nick Cranford made a motion to go into executive session at 12:22 p.m. Susan Ridings seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Susan Ridings made a motion to end the executive session at 12:25 p.m. Nick Cranford seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Nick Cranford made a motion to expel the student for the remainder of the school year. Susan Ridings seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Deborah Mathews told the student and his parent to contact Chase McCollum concerning graduation.

Adjournment

Nick Cranford made a motion to adjourn at 12:27 p.m. Susan Ridings seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Date

President

Secretary