

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 25, 2022

The Meridian Board of Education held a special meeting on April 25, 2022, 6:07 p.m. at the Macon Campus Board Room. Upon roll call the following Members were present: Chris Jones, Rebecca Kraft, Adam Herbert, and Clint Gorden. Member Roush, Hogan and Morey were absent. Also present was Andy Pygott, Superintendent; Eric Hurelbrink, High School Principal; Mindy McGuire, Middle School Principal.

Member Herbert, seconded by Member Kraft, motioned to appoint the School Board Vice-President to preside over the student discipline hearings for Student A, Student B and Student C. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

On a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Jones, the Board adjourned to executive session at 6:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to student discipline. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

On a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert, the Board returned to open session at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert, motioned to find Student A to have committed an act of gross disobedience or misconduct such that an expulsion of a period of time not to exceed two calendar years is justified by the evidence. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

On a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Jones, the Board reconvened to executive session at 6:41 p.m. to determine discipline. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board returned to open session at 6:51 p.m. on a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert. Motion carried 4-0.

On a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert, Student A is expelled from Meridian School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and the entire 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

The student discipline hearing for Student A adjourned at 6:52 p.m. on a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Student discipline hearing for Student B began at 7:07 p.m.

On a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert, the Board adjourned to executive session at 7:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to student discipline. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

On a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert, the Board returned to open session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Member Jones, seconded by Member Kraft, motioned to find Student B to have committed an act of gross disobedience or misconduct such that an expulsion of a period of time not to exceed two calendar years is justified by the evidence. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

On a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert, the Board reconvened to executive session at 7:21 p.m. to determine discipline. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:26 p.m. on a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert. Motion carried 4-0.

On a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert, Student B is expelled from Meridian School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and the entire 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

The student discipline hearing for Student B adjourned at 7:28 p.m. on a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Student discipline hearing for Student C began at 7:32 p.m.

On a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Jones, the Board adjourned to executive session at 7:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to student discipline. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

On a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert, the Board returned to open session at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert, motioned to find Student A to have committed an act of gross disobedience or misconduct such that an expulsion of a period of time not to exceed two calendar years is justified by the evidence. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

On a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Jones, the Board reconvened to executive session at 7:40 p.m. to determine discipline. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:46 p.m. on a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert. Motion carried 4-0.

On a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert, Student A is expelled from Meridian School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and the entire 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. on a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Herbert. Motion carried 4-0.

Monte Hogan, Board President

Rebecca Kraft, Board Secretary