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MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2021 EXPULSION HEARING

Present: School Board Chair Steve Moss, School Board Vice Chair Pamm Chapman, School Board Members: Winston Chester, Jerry Register and Brenda Ruthven. Katrina Evans, Coordinator for Student Placement Options for Bay District Schools and Franklin Harrison, Board Attorney.

Attorney Harrison called the Expulsion Hearing to order at 9:08 a.m.

- 1). Rutherford High School Student – Z.C.
Case #2122008

The student and the student’s mother were present for the hearing which they requested to be held in private. The student was charged with Fighting [SESIR]. The parent agreed to the charges but not to the recommendation of expulsion. Attorney Harrison admitted School Board Exhibits #1- #7 into evidence. Sworn testimony was given by Robert Mitchell, Assistant Principal of Rutherford High School, Bay County Sheriff Deputy and School Resource Officer Jeff Haire, the student and the student’s mother. Video of the event was shown.

Motion by Chapman to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and all of the 2022-2023 school year including summer school and the that the student not be offered alternative placement during the expulsion period. Second by Chester. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2). Rutherford High School Student – R.I.
Case #2122009

Attorney Harrison stated that the student and the student’s parents had been notified to appear at 9:00 a.m. and had arrived to watch the Expulsion Video but left after that and it was now 9:56 a.m. so the School Board would proceed with the hearing. School Board Exhibits #1- #7 were entered into evidence. Sworn testimony was given by Coy Pilsen, Rutherford High School Principal, Robert Mitchell, Rutherford High School Assistant Principal. Video of the event was shown.

Motion by Register, second by Ruthven, to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and all of the 2022-2023 school year including summer school and the that the student not be offered alternative placement during the expulsion period. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3). Rutherford High School Student – J.M.
Case #2122010

The student and the student's mother were present for the hearing which they requested be held in private. The student was charged with Fighting [SESIR]. The parent agreed to the charges but not to the recommendation of expulsion. Attorney Harrison admitted School Board Exhibits #1- #7 into evidence. Sworn testimony was given by Robert Mitchell, Assistant Principal of Rutherford High School, Bay County Sheriff Deputy Jeff Haire, the student and the student's mother. Video of the event was shown.

Motion by Chapman, second by Chester, to have the student do virtual learning until January 7, 2022 when the student will be alternatively placed at Rosenwald Academy for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and all of the 2022-2023 school year including summer school. Motion passed three yes votes to two no votes with Register and Moss voting no.

- 4). Rutherford High School Student – N.P.
Case #2122012

The student and the student's mother were present for the hearing which they requested be held in private. The student was charged with Fighting [SESIR]. The parent agreed to the charges but not to the recommendation of expulsion. Attorney Harrison admitted School Board Exhibits #1- #7 into evidence. Sworn testimony was given by Robert Mitchell, Assistant Principal of Rutherford High School, the student and the student's mother. Video of the event was shown.

Motion by Ruthven, second by Chester, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and all of the 2022-2023 school year including summer school and the that the student not be offered alternative placement during the expulsion period. Motion passed unanimously.

The Expulsion Hearing recessed for lunch at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

- 5). Rutherford High School Student – Z.A
Case #2122013

Neither the student nor the student's representatives were present for the hearing. Attorney Harrison stated that the student's parent(s) had submitted a signed waiver waiving their right to a hearing before the School Board on the Superintendent's recommendation for expulsion of the student and agreed that the School Board enter a Final Order of Expulsion under the terms recommended by the Superintendent as stated in the Superintendent's Notice of Recommended Expulsion and Notice of Hearing. The student is charged with

Fighting [SESIR]. Attorney Harrison recommended that the School Board vote on the accepting the signed waiver.

Motion by Register, second by Chester, to accept the Waiver and the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and all of the 2022-2023 school year, including summer school and not be offered alternate placement during the expulsion period. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6). Rutherford High School Student – T.B.
Case #2022014

Attorney Harrison stated that the student was incarcerated with the Department of Juvenile Justice and would not be present for the hearing. The student was charged with Fighting [SESIR]. Attorney Harrison admitted School Board Exhibits #1- #7 into evidence. Sworn testimony was given by Robert Mitchell, Assistant Principal of Rutherford High School, and Coy Pilson, Principal of Rutherford High School. Video of the event was shown.

Motion by Register, second by Chapman, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and all of the 2022-2023 school year including summer school and not be offered alternate placement during the expulsion period. Motion passed unanimously.

- 7). Rutherford High School Student – J.F.
Case #2122016

The student and the student's mother were present for the hearing which they requested by held in private. The student was charged with Fighting [SESIR]. Attorney Harrison admitted School Board Exhibits #1- #7 into evidence. Sworn testimony was given by Robert Mitchell, Assistant Principal of Rutherford High School, and Coy Pilson, Principal of Rutherford High School, the student and the student's mother. Video of the event was shown.

Attorney Harrison stated that the manifestation determination included in the packet did not contain signatures as this meeting was held electronically. The student's mother agreed that she had participated in the meeting.

Motion by Chapman, second by Register, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and all of the 2022-2023 school year including summer school and that the student not be offered alternative placement during the expulsion period. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8). Rutherford High School Student – A.M.

Case #2022017

The student and the student's guardian were present for the hearing, which they requested be held in private. The student was charged with Fighting [SESIR]. The guardian agreed to the charges but not to the recommendation of expulsion. Attorney Harrison admitted School Board Exhibits #1- #7 into evidence. Sworn testimony was given by Robert Mitchell, Assistant Principal of Rutherford High School, the student and the student's guardian. Video of the event was shown.

Attorney Harrison stated that the manifestation determination included in the packet did not contain signatures as this meeting was held electronically. The student's guardian agreed that she had participated in the meeting.

Motion by Register, second by Chapman, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and all of the 2022-2023 school year including summer school and that the student not be offered alternative placement during the expulsion period. Motion passed unanimously.

9). Rutherford High School Student – G.C.
Case #2022018

The student and the student's mother were present for the hearing, which they requested be held in private. The student was charged with Possession of a Weapon on Campus. The student's mother agreed on the allegations but not to the punishment. Attorney Harrison admitted School Board Exhibits #1- #7 into evidence. Sworn testimony was given by Robert Mitchell, Assistant Principal of Rutherford High School, and, Bay County Sheriff Deputy and School Resource Officer Jeff Haire.

Attorney Harrison stated that the manifestation determination included in the packet did not contain signatures as this meeting was held electronically. The student's mother agreed that she had participated in the meeting.

Motion by Register, second by Chapman, to amend the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year including summer school. Motion passed three yes votes to two no votes with Ruthven and Moss voting no.

The expulsion hearing adjourned at 4:15 p.m.


Steve Moss, Chair


Bill Husfelt, Superintendent