SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Brighton, Illinois 62012
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2019

The Southwestern Board of Education met in a special session on April 3, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Brighton North in the Conference Room. Tim Baker-Vice President called the meeting to order. Roll call showed the following members to be present: Donna Loy, Andrew Bagley, Dara Simmons, Tim Baker, Jacob Reno, and Superintendent, Brad Skertich. Don Little and Randy Gallaher were absent and the guests in attendance did not sign the attendance sheet.

Public Comment: None voiced.

Andrew Bagley made a motion to move into closed session at 6:52pm. Motion was seconded by Donna Loy.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Loy, Bagley, Simmons, Baker, and Reno
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

At 7:51pm Jacob Reno made a motion with Dara Simmons seconding the motion to move back into open session.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Bagley, Simmons, Baker, Reno, and Loy
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Tim Baker made a motion to accept the following:

PROPOSED MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION ON ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION TO EXPEL STUDENT

Motion to be used if the Board finds the student guilty of gross misconduct but desires to hold the expulsion in abeyance and transfer the student to an alternative school

I move that, based upon and after the Board's consideration of the evidence and testimony of the expulsion hearing held on April 3, 2019, the Board of Education find that Student No. 01040319 is guilty of gross misconduct as charged by the District's Administration in that Student No. 01040319 (in summary) printed and distributed a document that constituted a bomb threat, a threat of physical attack, and a false alarm, thereby endangering the safety and well-being of students and district employees in violation of Board Policies 2:20, 7:190, 7:200, and 7:210.

I move that the Board of Education expel Student No. 01040319, but that the expulsion be held in abeyance and that Student No. 01040319 be administratively transferred to an alternative school as determined by the District's Administration, pursuant to Article 13A of the Illinois School Code.

The expulsion being held in abeyance is contingent upon the student's full participation in the alternative school program, including regularly attending school; complying with attendance policies, school rules, and any referrals for services or counseling made by the alternative school; and successfully completing the alternative school's curriculum.

I move that should Student No.01040319 fail to fully participate in the alternative school program and the alternative school refer the student back to the District, Student No. 01040319 shall be immediately expelled from Southwestern Community Unit District 9 for the full remainder of the District Administration's recommended expulsion duration, through the balance of the 2018-2019 and the entirety of the 2019-2020 academic year, with re-enrollment possible at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Prior to considering a recommendation for expulsion, the District's Administration attempted other behavioral and disciplinary interventions and determined there are no other appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions. The interventions previously attempted with the student included those presented by evidence and testimony of the District's Administration, including those identified in their Exhibit E. Removing Student No. 01040319 from the learning environment is in the best interest of the school because this student's continued presence in school would pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff or members of the school community and/or substantially disrupt, impede or interfere with the operation of the school. The duration of Student No. 01040319's expulsion is appropriate based upon the severity and gravity of the misconduct, the illegal nature of the misconduct, the safety concerns and/or disruption caused by the misconduct, and prior behavioral and disciplinary interventions to support the student and promote acceptable behavior.

Andrew Bagley seconded the above motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Simmons, Baker, Reno, Loy, and Bagley
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

With no other business to discuss, Donna Loy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. Andrew Bagley seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Baker, Reno, Loy, Bagley, and Simmons
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

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Recording Secretary Board President

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