

**Covington Board of Education**  
**MINUTES ~ Special Meeting**

March 21, 2019

4:00 PM

25 E. 7th Street

Covington, Kentucky 41011

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Tom Wherry, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

**II. Roll Call**

Mr. Tom Wherry, Board Chair, requested roll call.

**Attendance Taken at 4:01 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mr. Jerry Avery

Ms. April Brockhoff

Mrs. Sarah Flerlage

Ms. Glenda Huff

Mr. Tom Wherry

**III. Call of the Meeting**

Mr. Alvin Garrison, Superintendent, read the call of the meeting; Student Discipline Hearing, Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f) portions of this item may be conducted in closed session. Action possible.

**IV. Student Disciplinary Hearing(s)**

The disciplinary hearing was that of an 8th grade student of Covington Independent Public Schools. The student and the parent were present. The parent directed that the meeting be held in open session. Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, School Board Attorney was the presenter. Ms. Stewart introduced herself and everyone at the hearing to the student and mother and reviewed the meeting procedures making sure the family understood. She confirmed with Board members that they had no knowledge of, or interest in, this case and that they could make a clear, impartial decision on this case based solely on the information presented. She asked the student's parent if they had any objections to any board member making a decision regarding her child. The parent had no objections. Ms. Stewart swore in witnesses, student and parent/guardian for testimony during this hearing. Mr. Ray Finke, Court Liaison with Covington Independent Public Schools, introduced the incident that occurred to warrant an expulsion hearing. He also introduced exhibits of written documentation into evidence and reviewing details of the student's behavior.



## 1. Executive Session

**Motion Passed 032119\_01:** The Covington Board of Education approves to go into Executive Session Pursuant to KRS 61.180 (1)(f) at 4:29 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Ms. April Brockhoff.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Flerlage	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes

**Motion Passed 032119\_02:** The Covington Board of Education approves to end the Executive Session Pursuant to KRS 61.180 (1)(f) at 4.43 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mrs. Sarah Flerlage.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Flerlage	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes

## 2. Facts and Findings

**Motion Passed 032119\_03:** The Covington Board of Education accepts the Facts and Findings to be true and accurate as presented regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> grade student passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Ms. April Brockhoff.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Flerlage	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes

## 3. Determination

**Motion Passed 032119\_04:** The Covington Board of Education find by clear and convincing evidence that the 8th grade student be expelled without services for a full calendar year, March 21, 2019 thru March 21, 2020 passed with a motion by Ms. Glenda Huff and a second by Mrs. Sarah Flerlage.

Mr. Jerry Avery	Yes
Ms. April Brockhoff	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Flerlage	Yes
Ms. Glenda Huff	Yes
Mr. Tom Wherry	Yes

NOTE: KRS 158.150 (2)(b) states: "a board that has expelled a student from the student's regular school setting shall provide or assure that educational services are provided to the student in an appropriate alternative program or setting, unless the board has made a determination, on the record, supported by clear and convincing evidence, that the expelled student posed a threat to the safety of other



students or school staff and could not be placed into a state-funded agency program" (i.e., Alternative School) NOTE: Behavior which constitutes a threat shall include, but not be limited to physical assault; battery; or abuse of others; the threat of physical force; being under the influence of drugs or alcohol; use, possession, sale or transfer of drugs or alcohol; carrying, possession, transfer of weapons or dangerous instruments; and other behavior which may endanger safety of others. KRS 158.150 (2) (b)

**V. Adjournment**

The Board made a consensus to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Wherry, Board Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Alvin Garrison, Superintendent

