

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**  
**LASALLE- PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT # 120**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mr. Tony Sparks, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Board Conference Room, LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL 61301.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Mr. Gary Ferrari and Mrs. Carol Alcorn.

ABSENT: Mrs. Sally Taliani, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch and Mr. Matt Merboth

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Attorney Walt Zukowski and Mrs. Julie Bleck, Board Secretary.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Ferrari to move to executive/closed session for the purpose of:

- a) Student Discipline, with open session and possible action items to follow.

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

**The motion carried 4-0. Time 6:02 p.m.**

**MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Ferrari to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 4-0. Time 6:48 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn and Mr. Gary Ferrari.

ABSENT: Mrs. Sally Taliani, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch and Mr. Matt Merboth

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Principal, Attorney Walt Zukowski and Mrs. Julie Bleck, Board Secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Student Expulsion, Student #1**

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to recommend that the Board approve the expulsion of Student #1 from October 1, 2021 thru October 1, 2023 for his role in physically assaulting school security personnel and thereby endangering the safety of other students, verbally assaulting the school resource officer, interfering with the school resource officer's attempt to restrain another student, attempt to evade school security and police, and destruction of personal property. In support of this decision the Board finds as follows and presented:

- The student's behavior at issue this evening indicates that Student #1 poses a threat to the safety of other students, staff, and members of the district community.
- The student has a history of misbehavior in the district, for which Student #1 previously had been disciplined. During this school year 2021-2022, Student #1 has had 8 disciplinary

referrals. This includes one 10-day out-of-school suspension for fighting and gross disrespect. Student #1 had 15 disciplinary referrals for the previous 2 school years (2019-2020 and 2020-2021); this includes One 3-day out-of-school suspension for fighting with another student and one 5-day out-of-school suspension for assault/battery of another student.

- The behavior at issue this evening has disrupted the learning environment. The egregiousness of the physical endangerment of another student, assault and battery of the District Security Personnel, interfering with the school resource officer's attempt to restrain another student, attempt to evade school security and police, and destruction of personal property warrants the removal of this student from the schoolhouse. Despite prior interventions (as set forth in the student's disciplinary history, which is incorporated herein by this reference) such disruptive behavior has continued.
- Based upon communication with the Administration, the Board determines that no other appropriate and available disciplinary interventions exist since all such interventions have been exhausted.

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Sarver and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

**The motion carried 4-0.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Student Expulsion, Student #2**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Ferrari to recommend that the Board approve the expulsion of Student #2 from October 1, 2021 thru October 1, 2023 for his role in physically assaulting another student, repeatedly endeavoring to evade and resist restraint from the school resource officer, physically assaulting a school security personnel, and the endangerment of other students and staff by the violent mishandling of school property (Plexiglas dividers). In support of this decision the Board finds as follows and presented:

- The student's behavior at issue this evening indicates that he poses a threat to the safety of other students, staff, and members of the district community.
- The student has a history of misbehavior in the district, for which he previously had been disciplined. Student #2 has had 18 disciplinary referrals for this school year. This includes two 10-day out-of-school suspensions, one for fighting and gross disrespect and the other for bringing brass knuckles to school. In (2020-2021) Student #2 had 11 disciplinary referrals, this includes DSPs for vaping and possessing a lighter.
- The behavior at issue this evening has disrupted the learning environment. The egregiousness of the physical assault and battery against another student and District Security Personnel, as well as the evasion and resisting of restraint from the school resource officer, and the endangerment of other students and staff by the violent mishandling of school property warrants the removal of this student from the schoolhouse. Despite prior interventions (as set forth in the student's disciplinary history, which is incorporated herein by this reference) such disruptive behavior has continued.
- Based upon communication with the Administration, the Board determines that no other appropriate and available disciplinary interventions exist since all such interventions have been exhausted.

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

**The motion carried 4-0.**

#### **Possible Student Discipline, Student #3**

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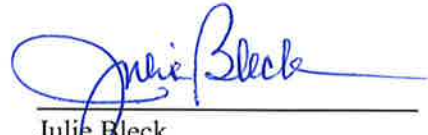
Possible Student Discipline, Student #4  
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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Sarver to adjourn. All in favor, Aye.  
**The motion carried 4-0. Time: 6:58 p.m.**



Tony Sparks  
President



Julie Bleck  
Board Secretary