

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Pulaski County Special School District was held at 925 East Dixon Road on the 20th day of April 2010. The following business was transacted.

Opening

4/20/10

President Tim Clark called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.

Present: Mr. Tim Clark, Mrs. Mildred Tatum, Mr. Bill Vasquez, Ms. Gwen Williams, and Acting Superintendent Rob McGill

Absent: Mr. Danny Gililand, Mrs. Sandra Sawyer and Mr. Charlie Wood

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a student hearing. President Clark read the opening statement.

Hearing

4/20/10

Student – Closed

Attorney Paul Blume, Hearing Officer for the Board of Education hearings, called the hearing to begin at 2:20 pm. The mother of a thirteen year old, seventh grade female student, requested a hearing to appeal the PCSSD Learning Academy's and the PCSSD Hearing Officer's recommendation for expulsion for the remainder of the semester due to fighting. The meeting was held in closed session. Dr. Brenda Bowles, Assistant Superintendent for Equity and Pupil Services, represented the District. Mr. Sandy Williams, Coordinator for the PCSSD Learning Academy, was present. The student was represented by her mother. Ana Evers, a Spanish interpreter, was also present. After all testimony, Mr. Blume recommended the board to go into executive session at 3:00 pm. The meeting reconvened at 3:05 pm. Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Ms. Williams that the school board find the reason set forth for the recommended expulsion of the student is true. The motion carried. Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Ms. Williams, that the school board uphold the hearing officer's determination that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. The motion carried.

All actions taken during the closed hearing were affirmed in open session.

Adjournment

4/20/10

Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Ms. Williams, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary