

SAULT STE. MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN 49783
SPECIAL MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION
Phone 906/635-6609

Minutes – Wednesday, January 19, 2022

197. **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President DeWitt called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. in the Sault Area Middle School, 684 Marquette Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 and viewable via Zoom: <https://eupschools.zoom.us/j/93223365953> Meeting ID: 923 2336 5953 or Dial In: +1 646-876-9923

198. **A. ROLL CALL OF BOARD**

Board Members Present: Jay D. Wilson, Christine M. Curtis, Caitlin L. Galer, Raymond J. DeWitt, Daniel L. Smith, Melissa S. Pingatore, Lisa A. Young

Absent: None

199. **B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Member Curtis, supported by Member Wilson, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Wilson, Curtis, Galer, DeWitt, Smith, Pingatore, Young

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

200. **C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

II. ACTION ITEMS AND BOARD REPORTS

201. **A. CLOSED SESSION – M.O.M.A. 15.268 §8(b)**

The guardian of John Doe #6 21/22 has requested a closed session for the disciplinary hearing.

It was moved by Member Young, supported by Member Curtis, at 6:26 p.m. that the Board of Education move into closed session in accordance

with the Open Meetings Act 15.268 §8(b), to consider the disciplining of John Doe #6 21/22.

Yeas: Wilson, Curtis, Galer, DeWitt, Smith, Pingatore, Young
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:59 p.m.

202. **B. RESOLUTION**

It was moved by Member Curtis, supported by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education expel John Doe #6 21/22 for 180 days and may apply for readmittance by December 1 to start second semester with proof of social work services and agree to complete a safety and security plan with a risk assessment to enroll for the remaining 2022-2023 school year.

Yeas: Wilson, Curtis, Galer, DeWitt, Smith, Pingatore, Young
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

President DeWitt confirmed a letter would be mailed out to the guardian confirming the Board's decision.

203. **C. CLOSED SESSION – M.O.M.A. 15.268 §8(b)**

The guardian of Jane Doe #2 21/22 requested a closed session for the disciplinary hearing.

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Young, at 7:02 p.m. that the Board of Education move into closed session after a short break in accordance with the Open Meetings Act 15.268 §8(b), to consider the disciplining of Jane Doe #2 21/22.

Yeas: Wilson, Curtis, Galer, DeWitt, Smith, Pingatore, Young
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:39 p.m.

204. **D. RESOLUTION**

It was moved by Member Smith, supported by Member Curtis, that the Board of Education expel Jane Doe #2 21-22 for the remainder of the 2021-

22 school year and may apply for readmittance starting August 1 for the 2022-23 school year.

Yeas: Wilson, Curtis, Galer, DeWitt, Smith, Pingatore, Young
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

President DeWitt confirmed a letter would be mailed out to the parent confirming the Board's decision.

President DeWitt called a short break at 7:42 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

205. **E. *CLOSED SESSION – M.O.M.A. 15.268 §8(b)***

The parent of Jane Doe #3 21/22 requested a closed session for the discipline hearing.

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 7:44 p.m. in accordance with the Open Meetings Act 15.268 §8(b), to consider the disciplining of Jane Doe #3 21/22.

Yeas: Wilson, Curtis, Galer, DeWitt, Smith, Pingatore, Young
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:16 p.m.

206. **F. *RESOLUTION***

It was moved by Member Curtis, supported by Member Wilson, that Jane Doe #3 be expelled for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year and may apply for readmittance starting August 1 to enroll in the 2022-23 school year

Yeas: Wilson, Curtis, Galer, DeWitt, Smith, Pingatore, Young
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

President DeWitt confirmed a letter would be mailed out to the parent confirming the Board's decision.

The Board discussed possible ways for helping students learn to cope with life and increase student behavior.

207. **III. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 8:26 p.m. it was moved by Member Curtis, supported by Member Galer, that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Wilson, Curtis, Galer, DeWitt, Smith, Pingatore, Young

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Raymond J. DeWitt, Board President

Christine M. Curtis, Board Secretary

Judy L. Sirk, Recording Secretary