

**SALINE AREA SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING  
MINUTES**

**Monday, April 14, 2008  
6:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** of the Special Board Meeting by Board President Slawson at 6:00 PM.

Members Present: David Friese, Bari Livsey, David Medley, Lisa Slawson, and Kim Van Hoek

Members Absent: Trudy Driscoll and Paul Hynek

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER:**

**MOTION** made by Kim Van Hoek, seconded by Bari Livsey to appoint Meg Hackett of the Thrun Law Firm, P.C., to serve as Hearing Officer and to make evidentiary and procedural determinations on behalf of the Board of Education for the student expulsion matter before the Board on Monday, April 14, 2008.

Ayes – All Present – **MOTION CARRIED**

4. **EXPLANATION OF PROCESS** – Meg Hackett

Meg Hackett gave an explanation of the process for the hearing and indicated that the parents had requested that the discussion be held in closed session.

**MOTION** made by David Friese, seconded by Bari Livsey to move into closed session at 6:01 PM with the intent to re-enter at the conclusion of the hearing for the purpose of discussion related to student discipline.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

David Friese – Aye  
Bari Livsey – Aye  
David Medley – Aye  
Lisa Slawson – Aye  
Kim Van Hoek - Aye

**5. CLOSED SESSION:**

The hearing was held in closed session led by Meg Hackett.

**6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

The Board returned to open session at 7:36 PM.

Ms. Hackett apologized to the family on the length of the hearing but indicated that the Board takes very seriously their job in looking at all the information brought forward and shared in order to make the best decision. She indicated that this is never an easy decision and they deliberated long and hard about it.

She indicated that regardless of the Board's decision tonight Student X will have to make some decisions about his/her life moving forward. He/she is fortunate to have parental support here tonight.

**7. DECISION BY BOARD:**

**MOTION** made by David Medley, seconded by Bari Livsey that based on the fact that the administration has proven their case beyond a preponderance of the evidence, he moved to expel Student X for 180 days.

Ayes – 2 (Bari Livsey and David Medley)

Nays – 3 (David Friese, Lisa Slawson, and Kim Van Hoek)

**MOTION DENIED**

**MOTION** made by David Friese, seconded by Kim VanHoek that although the administration has met its burden to establish by at least a preponderance of the evidence that the alleged misconduct occurred, due to mitigating circumstances disclosed during the hearing, he would like to instead move to recommend that Student X be suspended for an additional 14 school days and then have Student X assigned to the Saline Alternative High School at the change of the marking period for the rest of the school year. Upon successful completion of this assignment Student X may appeal to the Superintendent for reinstatement back to Saline High School beginning no earlier than the fall of 2008.

Trustee Friese also indicated that successful completion would include demonstrated academic achievement, no truancy, and no disciplinary problems. Student X's first day at Alternative High School would be May 5, 2008.

Ayes – 4 (David Friese, Bari Livsey, Lisa Slawson, and Kim Van Hoek)

Nays – 1 (David Medley)

## **MOTION CARRIED**

Superintendent Graden explained the Alternative High School rules and regulations to Student X's parents.

Trustee Van Hoek then spoke to Student X about the incredible opportunity that he/she has been given. Coming into the Alternative High School with a number of offenses it is now up to Student X to take responsibility and make good decisions. He/she has been given a window of opportunity and should take full advantage of it.

Board President Slawson also stated that the Board would like to see Student X succeed and they would like to make sure that the student is prepared for what comes after high school whatever that may be.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** made by Bari Livsey, seconded by David Friese to adjourn the Special Meeting of Monday, April 14, 2008, at 7:50 PM

Ayes – All Present – **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Slawson, President and Acting Secretary

By: Patti Waltz, Recording Secretary