

Special Board Meeting
October 29, 2015
8:00 p.m.

The McCrory School District Board of Education met in a special meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. in the administration building with the following members in attendance: Jeff Reeves, Craig Reeves, Bobby Best, Sean Williams and Bob Briley. The President, Sean Williams called the meeting to order and the following business was conducted:

1. The first order of business was a hearing on high school [REDACTED] [REDACTED] expulsion recommendation. [REDACTED] and his parents [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were in attendance. Sean Williams asked the parents if they would like a closed or open session and the parents chose open session.
2. Mr. Casteel asked Mr. Aaron Wiggins, high school principal, to give a report on the request for expulsion. Mr. Wiggins explained that the student violated school district policy 630.10 for being in possession of an alcoholic beverage, as well as a policy in the McCrory High School handbook on page 13.

Mr. Wiggins, at the time of the incident, gave the child a 10 day suspension until a hearing was held to determine his expulsion.

Mr. Wiggins presented documentation to Mr. Casteel on his recommendation for expulsion for the remainder of the fall semester.

Sean Williams, President, asked the [REDACTED] if they had any questions for the Board of Education. They questioned why their son was being sent to court with a possibility of being sent to Batesville juvenile center. This was the child's first incident of this nature and they were concerned over the severity of the punishment. Mr. Williams responded that it was not the District that made the decision to do that. The police were called in on the incident just as policy states that they should be. The parents were told they needed to contact the City of McCrory Police Department about that matter.

After no other statements from the parents, President Sean Williams declared executive session at 8:06 p.m.

President Sean Williams declared open session at 8:12 p.m. with no action taken.

A motion was made by Bob Briley with a second from Craig Reeves to accept the recommendation of expulsion for [REDACTED] the remainder of the fall semester which ends December 18, 2015, based on school policy 603.10. All were in favor of the motion.

At 8:15 p.m., President Sean Williams declared the hearing closed.

3. Immediately following the hearing Mr. Casteel wanted to discuss bonuses for school faculty and staff and our district's finances. Mr. Casteel recommended that the certified personnel receive \$1,000 and the classified personnel receive \$500 as a bonus with no indexes. After discussion, a motion was made by Jeff Reeves with a second from Craig Reeves to award the certified personnel \$1,000 and the classified personnel \$500 as a bonus with the indexes. This bonus will be paid on November 20, 2015. All were in favor of the motion.
4. Mr. Casteel presented the Board with information on a new phone system for the District. The phone system the school presently has is extremely out of date and there are problems with it that cannot be fixed because of the age of the equipment. Different scenarios were given to the Board on ways to fund this new system. The Board would like Mr. Casteel to start the process of gathering information to install the new system.
5. Mr. Casteel informed the Board that the regularly scheduled board meeting in November falls on the same day as the McCrory Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Auction. It was agreed to have the next regular school board meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
6. Mr. Casteel gave an update on the building projects on the high school campus. The safe room / band room will begin to get its concrete on top next week. As far as storage for equipment, ACI's products are solid wood and are \$29,000 and Winger's are laminate at around \$35,000. The Board would like to stick with the solid wood as originally decided.
7. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:55 p.m.

Jeff Reeves, President

Bobby Best, Secretary