

Tawas Area Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
December 16, 2025

A. Call to Order

The special meeting of the Tawas Area Schools Board of Education was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Ulman.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to begin the meeting.

2. Roll Call

Present: Butzin, Edmonds, Jenkins, Miller, Malewska, Bruning, Ulman

Absent: None

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Administrators Present: Danek, Hazen

3. Public Comments – Information and Proposals

There were no public comments.

B. Action Items

1. New Business

a. Student 2025-2026-#5 Discipline Hearing

Mr. Hazen read a description of the incident.

He said on Monday, December 9th at approximately 2:15 PM a student brought a note down to the office stating that Student 2025-2026-#5 was under the influence. The administration went to the student's classroom and escorted the student to the office. The student was visibly intoxicated. The student's eyes were glassed over, the student slurred their speech and struggled to walk. Through a conversation with Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Livingston and Mr. Hazen, the administration was able to locate a Dr. Pepper bottle filled with alcohol. The student would not submit to a Preliminary Breath Test and would not give up who supplied the alcohol. As administration investigated the incident through camera footage, the student received the alcohol around 10:30 AM from Student B's locker and could be seen on camera taking drinks from the bottle throughout the day. As administration continued the investigation the following day, we learned that the student also had a vape and a THC cartridge on him/her as well.

The student was in violation of student handbook rule 8. Alcohol/Marijuana, punishable by expulsion & turned over to law enforcement, sale, distribution, use, or being under the influence of alcohol; or marijuana or any substance that the student represents to be either: A. alcohol or marijuana B. of a nature, appearance, or effect which will allow the recipient to possess, display, sell, distribute, or use the substance as alcohol or marijuana or as if it were alcohol or marijuana. C. in the form of THC in a vaporizer or other devices used for sale, distribution, use, or consumption. D. Sales and Distribution are serious enough behaviors to warrant a disciplinary hearing in front of the School Board for both buyers and sellers on school grounds.

Motion by Ulman, supported by Bruning, to expel Student 2025-2026-#5 for 180 days. Mrs. Malewska asked about the student being charged with a MIP. Mrs. Danek responded, saying that was not an issue for the Board to decide, but that she did not believe the student would be getting charged at this time. She also stated that student 2025-2026-#6 may be facing charges due to parent request. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Edmonds, Jenkins, Miller, Malewska, Bruning, Ulman. No: Butzin. Motion carried.

b. Student 2025-2026-#6 Discipline Hearing

Mr. Hazen read a description of the incident.

He said on Monday, December 8th a student was brought to the office under the influence of alcohol. Through watching camera footage, administration was able to determine that student 2025-2026-#6 brought a bag to school which contained two Dr. Pepper bottles full of alcohol. Student A can be seen going to the locker, removing the bag, pulling two bottles out and returning the bag to student 2025-2026-#6's locker. The student claimed the bag belonged to Student A and he/she did not know the contents. Our investigation found witness statements indicating that student 2025-2026-#6 provided bottles of alcohol in this incident to Student A as well as on previous occasions.

The student was found to be in violation of student handbook rule 8. Alcohol/Marijuana, punishable by expulsion & turned over to law enforcement, sale, distribution, use, or being under the influence of alcohol; or marijuana or any substance that the student represents to be either: A. alcohol or marijuana B. of a nature, appearance, or effect which will allow the recipient to possess, display, sell, distribute, or use the substance as alcohol or marijuana or as if it were alcohol or marijuana. C. in the form of THC in a vaporizer or other devices used for sale, distribution, use, or consumption. D. Sales and Distribution are serious enough behaviors to warrant a disciplinary hearing in front of the School Board for both buyers and sellers on school grounds.

Motion by Ulman, supported by Bruning, to expel Student 2025-2026-#6 for 180 days. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Adjournment

Motion by Ulman, supported by Bruning, to adjourn at 4:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.