

Augusta Independent Board of Education
Expulsion Hearing Board Meeting
September 7, 2023 5:30 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at: 5:30 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Mrs. Dionne Laycock
Mr. Brian Jett
Ms. Chasity Saunders

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Shawn Hennessey

1. Call to Order

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Approve to Enter Executive Session (KRS 158.150)

Rational:

The board entered into executive session to conduct an Expulsion Hearing at 5:30 P.M.

At the September 7, 2023 expulsion hearing of Kaleb Basford, the Board heard testimony from Superintendent Lisa McCane, Physical Education Teacher Joey Crouch, and School Resource Officer Ken Fuller, and received evidence including a video of an altercation involving Kaleb Basford in the school gymnasium on August 30, 2023. Superintendent Lisa McCane recommended expulsion of Kaleb Basford as a result of violating Board Policy 09.425, Assault and Threats of Violence.

Based on this evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the Board determined, through clear and convincing evidence, that Kaleb Basford, on August 30, 2023: (1) committed assault or battery or abuse of another student; (2) committed assault or battery or abuse of school personnel; (3) committed willful disobedience or defiance of authority of the teachers or administrators; (4) used profanity or vulgarity; and (5) made threats that pose a danger to the well-being of students, faculty, and staff. Based on this conduct, to have Kaleb Basford in school poses a safety issue for other students, faculty, staff, and other school personnel.

Accordingly, Kaleb Basford is expelled and his expulsion shall be at least twelve (12) months. After twelve (12) months has lapsed, this expulsion shall remain in place until the Board votes to re-admit Kaleb Basford to school in the district.

The mother, nor representatives of the student attended the hearing.

Order #23-996 - Motion Passed: Approve to Enter Executive Session passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Absent
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

1.3. Approve to Exit Executive Session

Rational:

The board exited executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Order #23-997 - Motion Passed: Approve to Exit Executive Session passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Jett and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Absent

Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

2. Approval of Student Expulsion

Rationale:

The board unanimously voted to expel the student for one calendar year. Services will not be provided due to the student being withdrawn by the mother to homeschool.

The board will review the circumstances at the end of the expulsion to determine if a second year extension is warranted.

Order #23-998 - Motion Passed: Approval of Student Expulsion passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mr. Brian Jett.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Absent
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3. Adjournment

Rationale:

September 14th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Order #23-999 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes



Laura Bach, Chairperson



Lisa McCane, Superintendent