

**Independence Charter School
Board of Trustees SPECIAL Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2008 8:30a.m.**

Board Members Present: Anyabwile Banko'le (via phone), Becky Baehr, Eric Cramer (via phone), Joana Davis-Diaz (via phone), Sean Hennessy, Rosina Miller, Lisa Nelson-Haynes, Pam Prell (via phone)

Board Members Absent: Ryan Boyer, Nicole Perkins Kilcullen

Others Present: Jurate Krokys, Principal/CEO, Megan Steelman, Administrative Assistant; Terry Henry, ICS Counsel; the grandmother of the student being considered for expulsion.

I. Call to Order

President Becky Baehr called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. She explained that this Special Board meeting was called due to the ICS policy which states that if it will be more than two weeks until the next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, the Board must convene a special meeting to review and vote on matters involving possible student expulsions.

II. Expulsion Case

Becky explained that a disciplinary panel of Board members was convened for a student expulsion hearing on May 19, 2008. The situation involved a student with a weapon. Although notice was given to them, the student and the student's family did not attend the hearing. After hearing the details of the situation, the Board panel concurred with the school's recommendation of permanent expulsion of the student based on the details of the case and on the understanding of the state's laws. Becky stated that ICS legal counsel Terry Henry is present if anyone has questions.

Becky asked whether the student's grandmother had any questions; the student's grandmother said she did not have any questions, but wanted to be present at this morning's meeting. She stated that sometimes certain things happen that you don't expect and that she feels that it should have been talked about before this happened, because she feels somebody had to have been harassed for this to have happened. She stated further that she feels somebody wasn't paying attention to what was going on. Becky summarized the grandmother's statements for those on the phone who couldn't clearly hear what she said.

Sean stated that it is his understanding of the law is that if there is an incident involving a weapon and if the superintendent brings it to the Board, the child must be expelled. Jurate clarified that when questioned, the student said her reason for bringing a weapon to school was that another student had rolled her eyes at her and that she wanted to scare that student. According to Jurate, there had been no other incidents on record.

The grandmother asked whether this will mean that her grandchild won't be able to go to any other school. Becky stated that she understands that

the student is already enrolled at another school. The grandmother said she couldn't speak to that. Becky asked whether there were any other questions. Pam asked if the student withdraws now, will the expulsion affect her. Becky stated that the student has already withdrawn from ICS. Eric asked what type of weapon the student brought to school. Jurate stated it was a steak knife. Anyabwile asked if the family will have any appeal rights. Becky stated that the family has been informed of their appeal rights.

Becky moved the following resolution: *The Independence Charter School Board of Trustees hereby moves to permanently expel a student based on the reasons given at the May 19, 2008 disciplinary hearing.* Lisa seconded. Becky called for a roll call vote:

Anyabwile- yes Pam- yes Eric- yes
Joana- was no longer on the phone at the point of the vote
Sean- yes Rosina- yes Lisa- yes
The motion carried.

III. Adjournment

Becky moved for adjournment; Lisa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53a.m.

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Resolution

ADOPTED

Expulsion

The Independence Charter School Board of Trustees hereby moves to permanently expel a student based on the reasons given at the May 19, 2008 disciplinary hearing.