

November 5, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Rock Falls Township High School Board of Education was called to order on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 137 at Rock Falls Township High School by President Gaulrapp. Members present: Gaulrapp, Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, and Lillpop. Board Members Absent: Carlson and Lewis.

Board Member Carlson arrived at 5:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None

In addition to the Board Members listed above, Mr. Ron McCord, Mr. Teddy Hicks, Administrative Assistant Toni Cain, Coach Bryan Berogan, Coach Derick Cox, and Athletic/Activities Director Rich Montgomery were present at the meeting. Introductions were made by all of those in attendance.

This Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Rock Falls High School District No. 301, the Board will review the administrative decision to deny admission of Mr. Hicks to school events for one calendar year.

Pursuant Board Policy 8:30, administration made a decision to deny admission due to Mr. Hicks' misconduct on October 7, 2019, at the freshman/sophomore home football game.

On October 9, 2019, Superintendent Ron McCord notified Mr. Hicks that he was denying Mr. Hicks admission to school events for one calendar year, and that Mr. Hicks had the right to appeal that decision to the Board of Education. Mr. Hicks requested a hearing and was given notice on October 14, 2019 of tonight's hearing.

Hearing before the Board of Education regarding the denial of a member of the public's admission to school events and meetings for up to one calendar year in accordance with Board of Education Policy 8:30.

Mr. McCord presented investigative evidence and his testimony of Mr. Hicks' behavior witnessed from on October 7, 2019 at the freshman/sophomore football game.

Mr. McCord opened the meeting up to questions and comments. Coach Derick Cox stated the incident affected and impacted the players.

Sophomore Football Coaches Brandon Stangeland and Gregg Gallentine were also witnesses to the incident. Coach Berogan was present at the end and heard a person being belligerent as he walked past the bleachers and into the parking lot.

Mr. Hicks presented his testimony. Mr. Hicks stated 25 people witnessed Coach Stangeland flip him off and curse under his breath. Mr. Hicks felt he had the right to tell Coach Cox how he felt. Mr. Hicks apologized for his behavior. He has already missed three football games. He is the grandparent of a student at RFHS. He himself attended RFHS 47 years ago. He was not aware of Policy 8:30.

Motion by Lillpop and seconded by Janssen to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering evidence and testimony presented in open hearing, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(d) at 5:19 p.m. All ayes: Carlson, Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, Lillpop, and Gaulrapp. **MOTION CARRIED**

Superintendent McCord, Coaches Berogan and Cox, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Hicks exited the room before the Executive Session Meeting began at 5:18 p.m. In attendance was Administrative Assistant Toni Cain.

Motion by Carlson and seconded by Jacobs to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. All ayes: Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, Lillpop, Carlson, and Gaulrapp. **MOTION CARRIED**

Superintendent McCord, Coaches Berogan and Cox, and Mr. Hicks returned after the Executive Session Meeting at 5:41 p.m.

The Superintendent's Report – Action Items

Approval, modification, or denial of the Administration's recommendation to deny the member of the public's admission to school events and meetings for (up to) one calendar year in accordance with Board of Education Policy 8:30.

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Carlson to deny Mr. Hicks' admission to school events through June 1, 2020 with zero tolerance of another incident occurring. If another incident occurs, Mr. Hicks will be permanently banned from any and all events at RFHS. All ayes: Janssen, Lillpop, Carlson, Howard, Jacobs, and Gaulrapp. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Howard and seconded by Carlson to adjourn the Hearing at 5:46 p.m. All ayes: Lillpop, Carlson, Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, and Gaulrapp. **MOTION CARRIED**

President

Secretary