

# **Panhandle Community Unit District No. Two Board of Education**

**Special Session Minutes January 4, 2024**

The Panhandle Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Panhandle Unit Office in Raymond at 6:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Terri Payne, President; Dana Pitchford, Vice-President; Linda Brown, Secretary; Heather Millburg, Scott Cowdrey, Gabe Pope, and Brett Slightom

**Board Members Absent:**

**Also in attendance:** Aaron Hopper, Superintendent; Ken Schuster

III. Recommend closed session for the following purposes as allowed under the Illinois Open meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c): Student Matters

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Millburg to enter into closed session at 7:00pm for the following purposes as allowed under the Illinois Open meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c): student matters. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Discussion and action following closed session.\*

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Brown to reconvene into open session at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pitchford to expel student A from the Panhandle School District through December 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Community Comments

None

VI. Consideration and action regarding school board policy 7:40 which includes guidelines for homeschool school student participation in district extra-curricular activities. \*  
Mr. Hopper presented information regarding the board's options to suspend the policy while it continues to review or adopt the policy that was presented in September. The board discussed their concerns regarding attendance and the requirements that all students must meet in order to participate. The board discussed the 10 by 10 athletic requirement and their desire to have a policy that was developed cooperatively with Morrisonville. They directed administration to continue to research the policy for a more detailed presentation later this school year and directed administration to reach out to Morrisonville to continue to work together regarding the development of a cooperative memorandum of understanding.

It was moved by Pope and seconded by Slightom to maintain the current policy as stated in board policy 7:40. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. Recommend closed session for the following purposes as allowed under the Illinois Open meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c): Appointment, employment and/or dismissal of employees of the District.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Millburg to enter into closed session at 8:20pm for the following purposes as allowed under the Illinois Open meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c): Appointment, employment and/or dismissal of employees of the district. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Brown to reconvene into open session at 8:30pm. Motion carried 7-0.

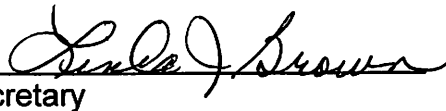
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It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pitchford to approve Katrina Steward as custodian for the 2022-2023 school year pending successful completion of all state and local employment requirements. Motion carried 7-0.

IX Adjournment

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Millburg to adjourn at 8:35pm. Motion carried 7-0.

  
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President

  
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Secretary