

The Discipline Committee of the Rockbridge County School Board held a special meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at Rockbridge Innovation Center.

Present: Trustees Corey Berkstresser, Catie Brown, and Neil Whitmore; Randy Walters, Chief Operations Officer; Ashley Rhodenizer, Discipline Committee Liaison.

CALL TO ORDER:

Trustee Berkstresser called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Under Section 2.2-3711.A (2) of the State Code, Trustee Whitmore recommended that the Board go into a *Closed Meeting* to discuss two student discipline matters. Motion was made by Trustee Whitmore, seconded by Trustee Brown, and passed by 3-0 vote.

The Board entered into the *Closed Meeting* at 5:16 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 6:13 p.m.

Trustee Brown read the following motion to Certify the Closed Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Rockbridge County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rockbridge County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Upon initial motion of Certification of Closed Meeting by Trustee Brown, and seconded by Trustee Whitmore the motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Trustee Berkstresser - Aye
Trustee Whitmore - Aye
Trustee Brown - Aye

Upon motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by unanimous vote, the following action was taken regarding student case number 2425-086310 as a result of a violation of the student code of conduct.


1. Student will be placed on home based instruction through the end of the 2024-2025 school year
2. Student must write to Dr. Craft and the members of the school board discipline committee requesting permission to participate in graduation activities by May 16, 2025.
3. Student's school counselor will contact student to review classes needed for graduation and enroll student in the appropriate courses in Edgenuity.
4. Student is required to meet with a designated school contact person daily for a minimum of 15-20 minutes.

Upon motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by unanimous vote, the following action was taken regarding student case number 2425-082-10 as a result of a violation of the student code of conduct.

1. Student may return to school on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.
2. Student is required to complete Rockbridge Recovery.
3. Student will be referred to the Child Study Committee.
4. Student is subject to random searches at any time.
5. Student is on social probation through the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
6. Student is required to attend summer school for credit recovery.
7. Student must attend a meeting with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Rhodenizer on March 20, 2025 at 8:30 AM. The meeting will be held at Rockbridge County High School.
8. Additional discipline referrals may result in expulsion.
9. The school board discipline committee strongly recommends student and guardian attend an intake appointment at Rockbridge Area Community Services Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by 3-0 vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Corey W. Berkstresser, Trustee


Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board