

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160, SENECA, IL

A Special Meeting of the Seneca Township High School Board of Education was held on January 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. President Frye called the meeting to order with roll call.

- A. ROLL CALL: Present: Johnson, Hamilton, Frye, Olson, Victor, Eltrevoog, Yandell

Others present: Superintendent Jim Carlson, Assistant Principal Michael Coughlin, Recording Secretary Nadine Maierhofer, and Administrator Observer Dan Stecken, Parents: Jessica Pourchot and Jose Aguilar.

- B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR STUDENT HEARING

At 7:02 p.m. a motion was made by Sara Olson and seconded by Jason Eltrevoog, to adjourn to Executive Session for a Residency Determination Hearing.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Olson, Victor, Yandell, Eltrevoog, Frye, Hamilton, Johnson  
Nays:  
Motion Carried

At 8:03 p.m. a motion was made by Joe Johnson and second by Rich Hamilton to return to Open Session.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Olson, Victor, Yandell, Eltrevoog, Frye, Hamilton  
Nays:  
Motion Carried

- D. ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Frye asked for a motion to adopt the following decision regarding the residency of Jessica Pourchot and Student 2023010. Hearing the testimony and evidence provided by the Seneca High School Administration and Jessica Pourchot in this Residency Determination Hearing, the Board of Education of Seneca Township High School has determined that Jessica Pourchot and Student 2023010 are not and were not residents of Seneca Township High School District 160 prior to and during the 2019-2020 school year and that Jessica Pourchot falsified her residency for the purpose of taking advantage of the educational programs at Seneca Township High School. Further, the Seneca High School Board of Education has concluded that Jessica Pourchot is responsible for paying the first semester tuition in the amount of \$14,277.92 for the first semester of the

2019-2020 school year and that Student 2023010 is ineligible to attend Seneca High School. Moreover, the Seneca High School Board of Education authorizes the Administration to work with Jessica Pourchot on a payment plan for student tuition owed including the potential to waive all tuition due. Finally, as a non-resident, we find Jessica Pourchot's claim of homelessness to be erroneous and without merit.

A motion was made by Mark Victor and seconded by Cory Yandell.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Victor, Yandell, Eltrevoog, Frye, Hamilton, Johnson, Olson  
Nays:  
Motion Carried

President Frye read the following statement.

You will receive a copy of this decision within 5 calendar days by certified mail. You may, within 5 calendar days after receipt of the decision of the Board, petition the regional superintendent of schools of LaSalle County (ROE35) to review the decision. Your son may continue attending Seneca High School pending the regional superintendent of schools' review of the Board's decision, but tuition shall continue to be assessed under Section 10-20.12a of this Code during the review period and become due upon a final determination of the regional superintendent of schools that the student is a nonresident.

President Frye asked for a motion to direct Superintendent Carlson to issue a written decision to Jessica Pourchot on behalf of the Seneca Township High School Board of Education regarding the Board's decision relative to the residency of Jessica Pourchot and Student 2023010.

A motion was made by Sara Olson and second by Rich Hamilton

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Olson, Victor, Yandell, Eltrevoog, Frye, Hamilton, Johnson  
Nays:  
Motion Carried

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

  
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President, Board of Education

2-19-2020  
Date

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

2-19-2020  
Date

