

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, November 20, 2023

Members Present: Baltensperger, Christopherson, Foltz, Leonard,
Massaway, Salmi

Members Absent: Burns

Also Present: Anders Hill, Julie Filpus, Parents and a Student

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Massaway called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Student Discipline Hearing

Mrs. Massaway explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the suspension of Student A from Houghton Middle School for allegations that he threatened school safety.

Student A's parent opted to have the matter discussed in Closed Session. Mr. Foltz with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board adjourn to Closed Session. Through a roll call vote, the motion passed with voting as follows: Ayes: Baltensperger, Christopherson, Foltz, Leonard, Massaway, Salmi; Nays: none. The motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 4:03 p.m.

Mr. Leonard with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board move out to Closed Session. Through a roll call vote, the motion passed with voting as follows: Ayes: Baltensperger, Christopherson, Foltz, Leonard, Massaway, Salmi; Nays: none. The motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The meeting returned to regular session at 4:50 p.m.

4. Action Item

Resolution Concerning Suspension - Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Baltensperger moved that the Board approve the resolution (Attached) to suspend Student A from attending school at Houghton Middle School until the first day of the second semester of the 2024-25 school year. The motion passed with voting as follows: Ayes: Baltensperger, Christopherson, Foltz, Leonard, Massaway, Salmi; Nays: none. The motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Christopherson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Massaway adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anders Hill, Superintendent

Amanda Massaway, Board President