

SOUTHERN AVENUE CHARTER SCHOOL

2185-2221 DEMOCRAT ROAD

MEMPHIS, TN. 38132

BOARD APPEAL HEARING

Monday, December 6, 2021

5:15 p.m.

Student: DeAubrey Morton, 2nd Grade Student

AGENDA

Purpose of Meeting.....Director Greg Bethel, Board Chair

Background, Charges, Recommendations.....Mrs. Sheila Moss, Principal

Parent(s) Appeals.....Mr. Brian Morton, Father

10-15 minutes allowed

Parent(s) Appeals.....Ms. Denise Norris, Mother

10-15 minutes allowed

Questions and Comments from Board Members

10-15 minutes allowed

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Procedure to be Followed

Board Discussion and Vote.....Mrs. Elise R. Evans, Superintendent

Closing.....Director Bethel



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Board Members in Attendance

Judge Walter Evans

Mrs. Carolyn Willett

Mr. Stan Burton

Ms. Tanya Incio

Mr. Greg Bethel

Mr. A. Morris

Principal Mrs. Shelia Moss

Mrs. Elise Evans Founder/Director

Proceedings:

The Board meeting for December 6, 2021 was called to order by Board -chair Greg Bethel called for the reading of the minutes meeting.

Opening Address and Purpose of the meeting was explained by Mrs. Elise Evans, Executive Director

Mrs. Evans stated the purpose of this board meeting was to address the expulsion of DeAubrey Morton a scholar that is 2nd grade at Southern Ave Charter School. The parents are attempting to appeal the expulsion. No other business will be addressed at this time.

Mrs. Evans ask each meeting attendee to introduce themselves:

Dr. Greg Bethel-Chairperson of the Board Directors

Mr. Stan Burton-Co-Chairperson of Board of Directors Judge Walter Evans-Board of Directors

Ms. Tanya Incio-Board of Directors Ms. Carolyn Willett-Board of Directors

Mrs. Shelia Moss-Principal Ms. Daniel Mckoy-Teacher

Mr. Brian Morton-Father

Mrs. Evans stated the record should reflect that both parents were notified and invited to attend this meeting. Mrs. Denise Norris, mother of DeAubrey Morton was not present at the meeting.

Statements of the Principal: *History of behavior of DeAubrey, is such that the expulsion was completed for the safety of the other scholars, teachers and other staff. Her behavior included but was not limited to extreme disruptive behavior in the classroom such as hitting teachers and hitting her head on the door. She would often scream in the classroom for no reason, which frighten the other children. She told administrative staff she would not go with them and would just stand still and sometimes cry. this behavior started from the beginning of the school year according to Principal Moss. The parents have been contacted each time there was an episode and each parent blamed the other for what was*

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happening with DeAubrey, both parents also stated they have never seen their child act this way at home.

Mr. Brian Morton, the father stated and presented a letter stating he has placed his daughter in counseling for her behavior. He stated he is would come to the school and sit with her if necessary. Mrs. Moss, the grandmother tried that, however after DeAubrey acted out, the grandmother left the school.

Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Moss, stated that the school cannot devote all their attention to one student as it takes away the learning process for other students. Mr. Morton, stated he would make sure that DeAubrey, has a behavior specialist at the school. He asked if we (SACS) could make the final decision after the winter break. Mrs. Evans and Director Bethel, stated the board would discuss the matter and let the parents know our decision.

Director Bethel, stated the meeting is adjourned.

Next Meeting, February 22, 2022

Respectfully Submitted

Recorder

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