



*Special
Board Meeting
Board Room*

*December 18, 2023
6:00 p.m.*



Fruitport Community Schools
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 18, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Location:

Fruitport Community Schools Central Office
Board of Education Meeting Room
3255 E. Pontaluna Rd.
Fruitport, MI 49415

AGENDA

- I. CALL to ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- IV. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC***
- V. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS**
 - A. Student Disciplinary Hearing
 - B. Other
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Time is provided for members of the audience to address the Board of Education regarding any topic including items on the agenda. The board is providing one opportunity for the public to comment during the meeting. Members of the audience may wish to bring issues to the Board of Education for board consideration. Time limits may be placed if a large number of individuals would like to address the board.

BOARD ACTION REQUEST FORM

Meeting Date: December 11, 2023

To: Board of Education

Attachments #2

From: Jason Kennedy

Subject to be Discussed and Policy Reference: Student Disciplinary Hearing – Student: 7130466023

Background Information: See attached information

Financial Impact:

Recommended Action:

Approval of the recommendation to permanently expel student 7130466023 from Fruitport Community Schools. The student shall be expelled for a minimum of 180 school days, but may apply for reinstatement to the Board of Education after 150 school days. The student shall meet all conditions of reinstatement at the time of application for reinstatement. The student will remain permanently expelled from Fruitport Community Schools until such time as the Board of Education reinstates the student.

Action Taken:

Vote: ___ Buckner ___ Burgess ___ Cole ___ Franklin ___ Hazekamp
 ___ Kelly ___ Meeuwenberg

Series 5000: Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters

5200 Student Conduct and Discipline

5206-F-9 Board Resolution: Physical Assault against Student

**FRUITPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

A special meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) was held in the Board of Education Room at 3255 E. Pontaluna Rd., Fruitport, MI 49444, within the boundaries of the District, on the 18th day of December, 2023, at 6:00 o’clock in the p.m. (the “Meeting”).

The Meeting was called to order by Dave Hazekamp, President

Present: Members

Absent: Members

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____:

WHEREAS:

1. The administration has recommended that, pursuant to Revised School Code Section 1310(1), a student whose identity is known to the Board (the “Student”) be expelled for physically assaulting another student.
2. The Revised School Code defines physical assault as “intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical harm to another through force or violence.”
3. School administrators notified the Student’s parent/guardian of the specific charge underlying the disciplinary recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.
4. Pursuant to the request of the Student’s parent/guardian, and as authorized by Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8(1)(b), MCL 15.268(1)(b), the disciplinary hearing was conducted in a closed session meeting of the Board.
5. The hearing afforded the Student and the Student’s representatives an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board’s consideration.
6. The Board has carefully considered all of the evidence produced in this student discipline hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A preponderance of the evidence established that the Student physically assaulted another student on school property in violation of state law and the Student Code of Conduct.

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2. Based on careful consideration of all of the following factors, the Board determines that expulsion is warranted:

- The Student's age;
- The Student's disciplinary history;
- Whether the Student has a disability;
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

3. The Student is permanently expelled from the District.

4. During the time of the expulsion, the Student may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator.

5. The Student may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than 150 school days from the date of expulsion. Before reinstatement, the Student must do all of the following:

- demonstrate successful participation in an appropriate counseling program approved by the High School Principal that includes both group and individual counseling;
- submit to the High School Principal competent and credible evidence from an appropriately licensed and credentialed professional that the Student does not pose a risk of harm to the Student or to others;
- establish that the Student has not engaged in conduct during the period of expulsion that may be viewed by the Board as detrimental to the Student's continued education at the District;
- complete to the satisfaction of the Board all recommendations contained in any psychological or counseling report;
- demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that the Student received educational instruction and cooperatively participated in an educational program during the period of expulsion;

6. Consistent with Revised School Code Sections 11a and 1311(1), the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.

7. Consistent with the Board's actions taken this date, administration shall promptly meet with the Student's parent/guardian to determine if there are appropriate educational services to which the Student may be entitled under state and federal law.

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8. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.

9. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary to the Board of Education of Fruitport Community Schools, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at the Meeting, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

Susan Franklin, Board Secretary



Fruitport Community Schools
Superintendent's Office
3255 E. Pontaluna Road
Fruitport, MI 49415
Phone: (231) 865-4100
www.fruitportschools.net

December 12, 2023

Janee' Rose
2833 McDermott St
Norton Shores, MI 49444

Re: Board of Education Student Disciplinary Hearing Referral

Dear Ms. Rose:

Based on a thorough investigation, the District's administration has concluded that Jeramiah Seitz engaged in conduct that is in violation of Board of Education policy 5206(H)(4)(b), which states: "If a student in grade 6 or above commits a physical assault at school against another student, and the physical assault is reported to the Board or to an administrator, the District will consider whether to suspend or expel the student or to impose a less severe penalty after first considering the Mandatory 7 Factors." As a result, administration has referred this matter to the District's Board and has recommended that Jeramiah Seitz be expelled from school for 180 school days/permanently.

Following a hearing, which will be held on December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room at 3255 E. Pontaluna Rd. Fruitport, MI 49415, the Board will make the final decision whether to expel Jeramiah. At the hearing, you and/or Jeramiah, may submit evidence and present testimony to challenge the administration's findings or disciplinary recommendation.

You have the right pursuant to both Policy 2501 and Open Meetings Act Section 8(1)(b) to have the Board hold the hearing in private (i.e., in a closed session of the Board), but as also required by law and Policy, the Board must act on the matter publicly (i.e., in open session). If you want the Board to hold the hearing in private, the District will not disclose any personally identifiable information in open session when it acts. Please notify me as soon as possible whether you would like the Board to proceed in open or closed session. A copy of the hearing procedures and a letter to request a closed session are attached.

Until the Board issues its final decision, Jeremiah Seitz will be suspended from school, may not attend classes or other school functions, may not be present on school property, and may not participate in extracurricular activities. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jason J. Kennedy
Superintendent

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5200 Student Conduct and Discipline

5206-F-19 Due Process - Hearing Rights and Procedures

Right to a Hearing

Before a student is suspended from school for more than 10 school days or is expelled from school, the student has a right to a hearing. The Superintendent conducts hearings for students who have committed an offense that may result in suspension of less than 60 school days. A removal from school for 60 or more school days is an expulsion. The Board conducts hearings for students who have committed an offense that may result in expulsion.

What is a Hearing?

If, after investigating student misconduct, a school administrator determines that a student engaged in misconduct that should result in either a suspension of more than 10 school days or an expulsion, the administrator will refer the matter to either the Superintendent or the Board. Either the Superintendent or the Board will conduct a due process hearing to determine: (1) whether the alleged misconduct occurred, and (2) if so, the appropriate consequence.

The student and his or her parent/guardian will be notified in writing at least 3 calendar days before the hearing. The notice will include: (1) a description of the alleged misconduct; (2) the potential disciplinary consequences that may be imposed; (3) the date, time, and location of the hearing; and (4) an invitation to the student and his or her parent/guardian to attend and participate in the hearing.

During the hearing, school administrators will describe the alleged misconduct and explain the facts related to the misconduct. The student and his or her parent/guardian may present evidence and witnesses to demonstrate that the student did not engage in the alleged misconduct or that suspension or expulsion is not the appropriate consequence. The student and his or her parent/guardian may also present evidence of any mitigating factors that the Superintendent or the Board should consider. The student and his or her parent/guardian may be represented by an attorney or another adult advocate at their cost.

Although the student and his or her parents/guardians are entitled to due process, a student discipline hearing is not a “trial.” The student and his or her parent/guardian do not have the right to compel attendance of witnesses or to “cross examine” witnesses. Typical rules of evidence are not followed. A student’s refusal to answer a question or failure to attend a hearing may be considered by the Superintendent or the Board.

Superintendent Hearing

If, following an investigation, a student is recommended for suspension for more than 10 school days but fewer than 60 school days, the Superintendent will conduct the

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hearing. At least 3 calendar days before the hearing, the Superintendent will provide the student and his or her parent/guardian the written notice described above.

The Superintendent will not suspend the student unless, after the completion of the hearing, the Superintendent is convinced, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the student committed a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and that, after considering all legally required factors, suspension is the appropriate consequence. The Superintendent will provide written notice of the decision to the student and parent/guardian.

Board Hearing

If, following an investigation, a student is recommended for expulsion, the Board will conduct the hearing. Only the Board may expel a student.

At least 3 calendar days before the Board hearing, the Superintendent or designee will provide the student and his or her parent/guardian the written notice described above.

The hearing will take place at a regular or special Board meeting. The student and his or her parent/guardian may request that deliberations be held in closed session pursuant to Michigan Open Meetings Act section 8(b). The student and his or her parent/guardian must notify the Superintendent before the hearing to request that the deliberations occur in closed session.

The Board will not expel the student unless, after the completion of the hearing, a majority of the Board members are convinced, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the student committed a violation of the Student Code of Conduct or an offense requiring suspension or expulsion under the Revised School Code and that, after considering all legally required factors, suspension or expulsion is the appropriate consequence. The Superintendent or designee will provide written notification of the Board's decision to the student and his or her parent/guardian. The Board's decision is final.

Students with Disabilities

Suspension or expulsion of a student with a disability is subject to the rights and procedures guaranteed by state and federal law. Except as otherwise authorized by law, a student with a disability may not be suspended for more than 10 consecutive school days or expelled for conduct that is a manifestation of the student's disability.

December 12, 2023

Re: Request for Closed Session Student Discipline Hearing


Dear Fruitport Board of Education:

I, _____, do hereby request that the student discipline hearing that has been scheduled for my child on December 18, 2023 before the Board of Education be held as a closed session student discipline hearing pursuant to Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8(b).

Sincerely,



Log Entries

Seitz, Jeremiah William  FAHS 10 Bowen Christine 01/12/2007 16 years 11 months
61801351 UIC#: 7130466023 ID: 3308 Locker Number: 18


Student Number:

[Edit Discipline Alert](#)

Date	Description
12/05/2023	Rogers, Rob - Assault/Threats - Assaulted D.V. in locker commons before school. Reportedly over outside of school stuff. Reported to police.
09/12/2023	Chesney, Lauren - Drug Search - Jeremiah was seen out in the woods behind the high school with two other students. Students were searched as they were in the woods and smelled of marijuana. Message left for mom
05/16/2022	Stingle, Trista - Habitual Disruption/Disrespect/Language - S accumulated 18 tardies in one class, and multiple in several other classes. S was caught skipping a class yesterday. S was asked by the AP to come to her office to talk. S replied, "get off my ass, just get off my fucking ass" in front of other Ss. AP called mom and issued 4 day suspension.
04/19/2022	Stingle, Trista - Skipping/Habitual Defiance - Skipped WINN with another student. Both went to the restroom upstairs, then to the 7th grade restroom downstairs, then the 8th restroom. AP spoke with stepdad regarding skipping and habitual disruption to the educational process. Stepdad agreed, said they were seeing similar behavior at home, inquired about alternative education.
03/31/2022	Stingle, Trista - Habitual Disrespect/Disruption/Defiance - S refused to do work in class saying "he doesn't need to." AP conf'd w S and issued 1 day suspension for persistent disruption to the learning environment.
03/14/2022	Kelly, Monte - Fighting - Jeremiah admitted to being part of the FCS Fight Videos where students agree to fight in the bathroom. Jeremiah admitted to fighting 1 time and was seen in a videos. 3 days OSS.
02/14/2022	Trista Stingle - Defiance/Insubordination/Non-Compliance - It was reported by a trusted student that Jeremiah was throwing scissors across the room before class when I was in hall. He said the word shit when I was calling him out about communicating across the room. I saw him flipping someone off across the room. AP assigned IS & talked w/mom about going to ASAP until grades aren't F's
11/18/2021	Kelly, Monte - - It was reported by a student that Jeremiah called him a N***** in the hallway. Jeremiah admitted to this. Jeremiah was also seen hitting a student with a binder, gesturing at students with intent of harm, and cussing in the hallways and classroom. While talking it was observed that "Bitch" was carved into his Chromebook. 2 days OSS plus Character Playbook completion online. 11/19/21 and 11/22/2021.
03/26/2021	Dillon, Derek - vape - vape in school
03/26/2021	Dillon, Derek - vape - vaping on the bus two days in a row. exchanging vapes with others. Refusal to comply with administration.
10/27/2020	Dillon, Derek - refusal to wear mask - Jeremiah continues to pull his mask below his nose. Already had a parent meeting
05/21/2019	Duffey, Janelle - - Jeremiah slapped a student across the face after he had kneed a student in the groin. He was just granted back his recess due to repeated physical aggression on the playground. He has made threats to the same student and hit that student on the bus. A message was left with his mom and an in person conference occurred with his dad. Jeremiah will be out for 3 days and return on Monday, May 27.
05/07/2013	Venema, Jamie - - Spitting at recess
05/01/2013	Venema, Jamie - - Punching another student
02/01/2013	Venema, Jamie - - Throwing snowballs outside and hit a classmate in the face. Attempted to call home but mailbox on voice mail was full.




Quick Lookup

Seitz, Jeremiah William  FAHS 10 Bowen Christine 01/12/2007 16 years 11 months
 61801351 UIC#: 7130466023 ID: 3308 Locker Number: 18

Student Number:

Attendance By Class


Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	M1	E1	S1	M2	E2	S2	Y1	Absences		Tardies		
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F									S1	23-24	S1	23-24	
P1(A)	UA	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	English 10A Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131	F 45	[i]	F 45					18	18	0	0
P2(A)	UA	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	Alt Ed Virtual Attendance 2nd Hour  Fielstra, Cameron - Rm: Comp. Lab	[i]	[i]	[i]					19	19	2	2
P3(A)	UA	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	Alt Ed Virtual Attendance 3rd Hour Reed, Nick - Rm: Comp. Lab	[i]	[i]	[i]					19	19	4	4
P4(A)	UA	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	U.S. History A Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131	D 63	[i]	D 63					24	24	0	0
P5(A)	UA	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	Alt Ed Virtual Attendance 5th Hour Reed, Nick - Rm: 132	[i]	[i]	[i]					29	29	1	1
P6(A)	UA	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	OS	Alt Ed Virtual Attendance 6th Hour Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131	[i]	[i]	[i]					32	32	0	0
VIR(A)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Algebra 1A Fielstra, Cameron - Rm: Comp. Lab	F 41	[i]	[i]					0	0	0	0
VIR(A)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Spanish 1 A Reed, Nick - Rm:	F 0	[i]	[i]					0	0	0	0
VIR(A)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Biology A Reed, Nick - Rm:	F 55	[i]	[i]					0	0	0	0

VIR(A)	English 9 A CR Bowen, Christine - Rm:	[i]	[i]	[i]							0	0	0	0
Attendance Totals																					141	141	7	7	

Current weighted GPA (S2):
[Show dropped classes also](#)



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	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F									22-23	22-23	22-23	22-23
1(A)											F 44	F 50	F 47						2	2	1	1
1(A)														F 53	F 0	F 42			27	27	3	3
Attendance Totals																		29	29	4	4	

[Show dropped classes also](#)



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Attendance By Class

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	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F									22-23	22-23	22-23	22-23
P2(A)											Algebra 1A Moore, Samuel - Rm: 114			NC 62					2	2	8	8
P2(A)											Algebra 1B Moore, Samuel - Rm: 114				NC 68				5	5	4	4
P2(A)											Algebra 1B Moore, Samuel - Rm: 114					NC 37			1	1	2	2
P2(A)											Algebra 1B Moore, Samuel - Rm: 130						NC 12		6	6	2	2
P3(A)											English 9A Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131			CR 77					1	1	0	0
P3(A)											English 9B Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131				NC 44				7	7	1	1
P3(A)											English 9A Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131					NC 51			4	4	0	0
P3(A)											English 9A Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131						NC 34		8	8	0	0
P4(A)											Film as Literature Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131			NC 56					2	2	0	0
P4(A)											Basic Computers Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131				NC 33				6	6	0	0
P4(A)											Creative Writing 2 Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131					NC 7			2	2	0	0

P4(A)										Living Healthy Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131							B+ 88	7	7	1	1
P5(A)										World History A Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131							NC 58	1	1	0	0
P5(A)										English 9B Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131							NC 60	2	2	1	1
P5(A)										English 9B Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131							[i]	8	8	2	2
P6(A)										Living Healthy Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131							A 100	2	2	0	0
P6(A)										World History B Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131							NC 33	6	6	1	1
P6(A)										World History B Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131							NC 21	3	3	1	1
P6(A)										World History B Bowen, Christine - Rm: 131							NC 15	10	10	0	0
Attendance Totals																	83	83	23	23	

Current weighted GPA (S2): 1.1100

[Show dropped classes also](#)

Student Name: Seitz, Jeramiah William
 Student #: 61801351
 UIC #: 7130466023
 Grade: 10 Class of: 2026
 DCODE #:
 BCODE #:

FAHS Transcript

December 15, 2023

Fruitport Alternative High School
 3255 E. Pontaluna Rd.
 Fruitport, MI 49415
 Tel: (231) 865-3114
 Fax: (231) 865-4105



Course	Grade	S1	S2	T1	T2	T3	Personal Info																														
22-23 Fruitport Alternative High School							Birthdate: 01/12/2007 Gender: M Exit Date: 06/08/2024 Address Information: 2833 McDermott St Norton Shores, MI 49444																														
Health - Credit Recovery	9		CR 0.50																																		
Basic Computers	9		NC 0.00																																		
English 9A	9	CR 0.25	NC 0.00																																		
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Film as Literature	9	NC 0.00																																			
Living Healthy	9	A 0.25	B+ 0.25																																		
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This transcript is unofficial unless signed by a school official.