

Minutes of a Special Meeting of  
The Board of Directors of the Ogden Community School District  
February 13, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Ogden Board of Education held a special board meeting Thursday, February 13, 2025 in the District Office. Members Pete Bergstrom, Kelly Merritt and Matt Van Sickle were present. Earl Taylor and Pete Thomsen were absent. The meeting was called to order by President Merritt at 5:32pm. Others present were Superintendent Joshua Heyer, Board Secretary Melissa Atwell and 5 guests.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Bergstrom moved to approve the agenda. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Bergstrom moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds, and Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(e), to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The board entered closed session at 5:35pm. Van Sickle later moved to return to open session. Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The board returned to open session at 6:28pm.

Bergstrom moved that the board accept the superintendent's recommendation that the student who was the subject of the disciplinary hearing be expelled from attendance in the Ogden Community School District and any school activities through August 1, 2025; that upon completion of the expulsion period, an application for re-admission must be submitted and approved by the superintendent prior to re-admission; and that written findings and conclusions consistent with the Board's deliberations will be prepared and the board president is authorized and directed to execute the Findings of Fact and Conclusion. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the board for consideration. Van Sickle moved to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried 3-0. President Merritt adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm. Reports, documents and full text of motions, resolutions or policies considered at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's Office.

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Kelly Merritt, President

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Melissa Atwell, Secretary