

The Discipline Committee of the Rockbridge County School Board held a special meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at Rockbridge Innovation Center.

Present: Trustees Corey Berkstresser, Catie Brown, and Neil Whitmore; Randy Walters, Chief Operations Officer; Ashley Rhodenizer, Discipline Committee Liaison.

CALL TO ORDER:

Trustee Berkstresser called the meeting to order at 5:05.m.

Under Section 2.2-3711.A (2) of the State Code, Trustee Brown recommended that the Board go into a **Closed Meeting** to discuss two student discipline matters. Motion was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by 3-0 vote.

The Board entered into the **Closed Meeting** at 5:06 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 6:43 p.m.

Trustee Brown read the following motion to Certify the Closed Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Rockbridge County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rockbridge County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Upon initial motion of Certification of Closed Meeting by Trustee Brown, and seconded by Trustee Whitmore the motion passed by the following roll call vote:

- Trustee Berkstresser - Aye
- Trustee Whitmore - Aye
- Trustee Brown - Aye

Upon motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by unanimous vote, the following action was taken regarding student case number 2425-078-10 as a result of a violation of the student code of conduct.

1. Student is suspended through the end of the 2024-2025 school year. (Student has finished all coursework for the 2024-2025 school year).
2. School Board members and those involved in the meeting will explore options to find an appropriate educational plan/setting that will best meet student's needs. Mr. Walters or Mrs. Rhodenizer will contact the parent to discuss the plan and help transition student to the tenth grade.

Upon motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by unanimous vote, the following action was taken regarding student case number 2425-077-09 as a result of a violation of the student code of conduct.

1. Student is suspended from school for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.
2. Student must complete Rockbridge Recovery, a drug awareness program. Once the next class is scheduled, Mr. Walters will contact parent with dates, times, and location.
3. Student should continue to participate in the YAS program next school year at Maury River Middle School.
4. Student is on social probation for the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Student will have regular check-ins with a school counselor during the 2025-2026 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by 3-0 vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


Corey W. Berkstresser, Trustee


Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board