

GRAND RIVER PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 26th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. DISCIPLINE APPEAL HEARING

Ms. Woodward and Mr. Angerer reviewed the incident, investigation, and discipline hearing. Ms. Woodward read the discipline hearing notes and student statements.

The family recounted the incident and follow-up. The student raised the issue of his right to self-defense since it was undisputed that the other student made physical contact first.

In discussion, the Board found that the student did receive procedural due process, that the evidence supported a finding of the violation of the Student Code of Conduct as a gross misdemeanor, and that the long-term suspension for 180 school days is within the statutory range of discipline for the violation.

While the Board was deliberating on the issue of whether the student had the right to defend himself in this particular situation, the family and administration agreed to a suspension through the end of the summer, with the student returning to school only after signing a behavior contract, the terms of which are in the sole discretion of the school administration.

The parents then withdrew the appeal and no decision was made by the Board.

5. BOARD COMMENTS

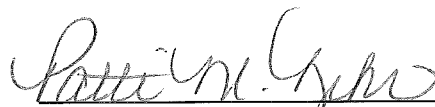
Mr. DeVries thanked the Board for their flexibility in attending the special meeting and for their deliberation and thoughtfulness in the process. He also thanked Ms. Sorensen, the school leadership team, and PrepNet for their professionalism.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Zehr and supported by Ms. Maxson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.



Officer of the Board Signature