MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

The Board of Education of the County of McDowell met in special session Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the McDowell County Central Office, 900 Mount View Road, Welch, West Virginia, with the following members being present and serving throughout: President Ed Evans, James Copolo, Jennifer Justice, Georgia West and Linda Lester White. Superintendent Dr. Ingrida Barker served as secretary.

BOARD ACTION

President Ed Evans called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, then led the group in the Pledge.

Student A Expulsion Hearing: (WV§18A-5-1a & the Safe School Act & Policy 4373)

The following individuals were sworn in to give testimony by Ed Evans, President of the Board: Tim Kennedy, Principal of Mount View High School, Deputy Ryan Harman, and Jeremy Matney, Coordinator of Exceptional Children.

Mr. Evans noted that neither Student A nor a parent were present for the meeting.

After hearing all testimony presented by Mr. Kennedy, Deputy Harman and Mr. Matney, President Ed Evans called for the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Superintendent Barker recommended that the student be expelled for two Semesters with the following recommendations:

- Student will receive Home Bound instruction
- Student is to receive mandatory drug counseling as a condition of returning to school

A motion was made by Jennifer Justice, seconded by James Copolo, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. A total of "Five" votes cast: "Five" Yes, "Zero" No, and "Zero" abstain, the Board voted to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

Adjournment

On a motion of Jennifer Justice, seconded by Linda Lester White, and a total of "Five" votes cast: "Five" Yes, "Zero" No, and "Zero" abstain, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:36 pm.

Ed Evans, President Date

Dr. Ingrida Barker, Superintendent Date