I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Belle Vernon Area School District Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dale K. Patterson at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2009 in the District Administration Office Board Room. This meeting was called for the purpose of adjudication for student discipline.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Assistant Board Secretary Daniel J. Sepesky recorded the following in attendance.

DIRECTORS—(Present): Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (5)

(Absent): Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKeveit (4)

SOLICITOR: Aimee N. Rankin, Esq. – Law Offices of Ira Weiss

STAFF: Stephen V. Russell, Substitute Superintendent/Bellmar M. S. Principal
Frances P. Kopanic, Board Executive Secretary

MEDIA: None
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 5-0 vote:

YES .............. Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (5)
NO ................. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (4)

V. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS RELATIVE TO THE AGENDA OF THIS MEETING ONLY

President Patterson opened the meeting to comments from citizens relative to the agenda of this meeting only. There was no response.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to retire to executive session to discuss discipline matters was made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 5-0 vote:

YES .............. Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (5)
NO ................. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (4)

The Board reconvened the executive session on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 5-0 vote:

YES .............. Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (5)
NO ................. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (4)

VI. ADJUDICATION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE

[Ratify Adjudication of Student No. 03-0809] (Exhibit #1)

Substitute Superintendent Stephen V. Russell recommended that the adjudication of the Board in the matter of Student No. 03-0809 pursuant to the disciplinary hearing held December 23, 2008 be ratified.
This was approved on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Puglia, and carried on a 5-0 vote:

YES ............. Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (5)
NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (4)

[Ratify Adjudication of Student No. 04-0809]  
(Exhibit #2)
Substitute Superintendent Stephen V. Russell recommended that the adjudication of the Board in the matter of Student No. 04-0809 pursuant to the disciplinary hearing held December 23, 2008 be ratified.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Stringhill, and carried on a 5-0 vote:

YES ............. Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (5)
NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (4)

[Ratify Adjudication of Student No. 05-0809]  
(Exhibit #3)
Substitute Superintendent Stephen V. Russell recommended that the adjudication of the Board in the matter of Student No. 05-0809 pursuant to the disciplinary hearing held December 23, 2008 be ratified.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Sepesky, and carried on a 5-0 vote:

YES ............. Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (5)
NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (4)

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

President Patterson opened the meeting to comments from citizens. There was no response.
VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 5-0 vote:

YES .............. Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill   (5)
NO ............... None   (0)
ABSENT ...... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt    (4)

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Daniel J. Sepesky  
Assistant Board Secretary

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