**Bath Community Schools**

**BOARD RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Media Center of Bath High School, on the 18th day of September, 2018, at 6:00 o’clock in the p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Ann Chaffee

Present Members: Ann Chaffee, Stephanie Halfmann, Blair Svendsen, Dean Sweet

 Absent Members: Sam Bachelor, Nancy Hawkins, Ken Krapohl

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Svendsen and supported by Member Sweet:

**WHEREAS:**

1. The administration has recommended that, pursuant to Section 1311a(2) of the Revised School Code, a student whose identity is known to the Board (the “Student”) be suspended for making a bomb threat or similar threat at school.
2. School administrators notified the Student’s parents of the specific charge underlying the disciplinary recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing. Student’s parent requested in writing that the disciplinary hearing be postponed until today’s date and time.
3. Pursuant to the request of the Student’s parents, and as authorized by Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(b), the disciplinary hearing was conducted in a closed session meeting of the Board.
4. The hearing afforded the Student and the Student’s representatives an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board’s consideration.
5. The Board has carefully considered all of the evidence produced in this student discipline hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**:

1. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that on August 28, 2018, the Student made a bomb threat or similar threat directed at a school building, other school property, or a school-related event in violation of state law and the Student Code of Conduct.
2. Based on careful consideration of all of the following factors, the Board determines that suspension is warranted:
	* The student’s age;
	* The student’s disciplinary history;
	* Whether the student has a disability;
	* The seriousness of the behavior;
	* Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
	* Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
	* Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

The Student shall be suspended through Friday, September 21, 2018 and may return to school on Monday, September 24, 2018.

1. During the time of the suspension, the Student may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator.
2. In addition to the suspension, the Student must complete the following restorative practices upon his return to school:

[ ]  enter into a behavior plan/contract with the building principal. Should the Student engage in any behavior in the future that threatens school safety, the Student shall be referred to the board for possible expulsion, subject to any rights the Student may have under applicable federal or state law;

[ ]  have daily check ins with the principal or principal’s designee;

[ ]  meet weekly with the school counselor;

[ ]  be subject to backpack and locker checks (if the principal determines that the Student should have a school locker) at the building principal’s discretion.

[ ]  complete either 20 hours of community service as determined by the principal or 20 hours of supervised study time by the end of this school year; and

[ ]  arrange with Member Sweet to tour the Bath Museum on or before December 31, 2018.

1. Consistent with Sections 11a and 1311(1) of the Revised School Code, the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.
2. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes: Svendsen, Sweet, Chaffee, Halfmann

Nays: None

Absent: Hawkins, Krapohl, Bachelor

Motion Passed: 4-0

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Board Secretary, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a special meeting held on September 18, 2018, the original of which is part of the Board’s minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the “Open Meetings Act” (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).

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Stephanie Halfmann, Acting Board Secretary