

**WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
WILLIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
October 4, 2005**

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Mr. Adamo, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Haney, Mr. Clements

BOARD ABSENT: Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Doyle

ALSO: Superintendent Mr. Perzanoski, Windham Academy Principal Ms. Packer, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Ms. Bartlett, Parent of Student A, Student A

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Folan called the October 4, 2005, special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:12 P.M., in the superintendent's office, room 220, second floor, Kramer building.

Motion of Mrs. Collins, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board enter into executive session for discussion of exempt documents pertaining to student matters at 6:12 P.M.

On the motion: Aye, 5-0; unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Mr. Adamo, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Haney, Mr. Clements

BOARD ABSENT: Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Doyle

ALSO: Superintendent Mr. Perzanoski, Windham Academy Principal Ms. Packer, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Ms. Bartlett, Parent of Student A, Student A

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Chair Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 6:38 P.M.

Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mrs. Collins, that the Board of Education finds that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on September 7, 2005, engage in the following conduct: possession of a controlled substance on school grounds. This conduct constituted significant endangerment to others and was seriously disruptive of the educational process. It was also in violation of Board publicized policy 5122P. This constitutes an expellable offense.

This student shall be expelled from all school property and school-sponsored events until the beginning of the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. During this period, the student shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity through the PDP. Notwithstanding the above, the student shall be expelled from the Windham High School property for 365 days.

On the motion: Aye, 5-0; unanimous.

The Board recessed from 6:40 P.M. to 7:15 P.M., at which time Mr. Folan reconvened the meeting in regular session.

Motion of Mrs. Collins, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board re-enter into executive session for discussion of exempt documents pertaining to student matters at 7:15 P.M.

On the motion: Aye, 5-0; unanimous.

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Mr. Adamo, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Haney, Mr. Clements

BOARD ABSENT: Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Doyle

ALSO: Superintendent Mr. Perzanoski, Windham Academy Principal Ms. Packer, Windham High School Security Officer Ms. Leitkowski, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Ms. Bartlett, Parent of Student B, Student B

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Chair Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 8:05 P.M.

Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mrs. Collins, that the Board of Education finds that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on September 7, 2005, engage in the following conduct: possession of a controlled substance and a weapon on school grounds. This conduct constituted significant endangerment to others and was seriously disruptive of the educational process. It was also in violation of Board publicized policy 5122P and Connecticut General Statutes §10-233d. This constitutes an expellable offense.

This student shall be expelled from all school property and school-sponsored events until the beginning of the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. During this period, the student shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity through the PDP. Notwithstanding the above, the student shall be expelled from the Windham High School property for 365 days.

On the motion: 5-0; unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Mrs. Collins, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 8:07 P.M.

On the motion: 5-0; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

John Adamo, Secretary