

**WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
November 14, 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, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Ms. Rudnick, Windham Academy Director Mr. Packer (left at 6:38 PM), Parent of Student A (left at 6:38 PM), and Student A (left at 6:38 PM), Windham High School Principal Mr. Blain (entered at 6:45 PM), Parent of Student B (entered at 6:45 PM), Uncle of Student B (entered at 6:45 PM), Sister 1 of Student B (entered at 6:45 PM), Sister 2 of Student B (entered at 6:45 PM), and Student B (entered at 6:45 PM)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Folan called the November 14, 2005, special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:40 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 5:40 P.M.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ALSO: Superintendent Mr. Perzanoski, Windham Academy Director Ms. Packer, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Ms. Rudnick, Parent of Student A and Student A

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Chair Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 6:35 P.M.

Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mrs. Collins, that the student who is the subject of this hearing committed an expellable offense and shall be expelled from Windham Public Schools until the end of 2005 - 2006 school year and moved further that the student who is the subject of this hearing may be permitted to re-enter school effective November 15, 2005, on a probationary status. However, the student may not partake of school-provided transportation until the end of the 2005 - 2006 school year. In order to re-enter school, the student must satisfy all of the following conditions, as determined by the Administration: 1. The student must comply with all Board of Education policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct. Following any early readmission to Windham Public Schools, if the Administration determines that the student who is the subject of this hearing has failed to satisfy the conditions set forth in this motion or has committed any suspendable or expellable offense during the expulsion period, the probation period shall cease and the Administration shall reinstate the student's expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion period.

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

(Ms. Packer, Parent of Student A, and Student A left the meeting.)

(Mr. Blain, Parent of Student B, Uncle of Student B, Sister 1 of Student B, Sister 2 of Student B, and Student B entered the meeting.)

Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mrs. Collins, that the Board re-enter into executive session for discussion of exempt documents pertaining to student matters at 6:45 P.M.

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

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

ALSO: Superintendent Mr. Perzanoski, Windham High School Principal Mr. Blain, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Ms. Rudnick, Parent of Student B, Uncle of Student B, Sister 1 of Student B, Sister 2 of Student B, and Student B

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Chair Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 8:12 P.M.

Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mrs. Collins, that the student who is the subject of this hearing brought a weapon to school and then committed an expellable offense that violated a publicized policy of the Board, was seriously disruptive of the educational process and endangered persons or property. Moved further that the student of this hearing shall be expelled from Windham Public Schools for one school year of 180 days and moved further that the student may be permitted to re-enter school at the beginning of the fourth marking period for the 2005 – 2006 school year, on a probationary status, if the student satisfies the following conditions, as determined by the Administration: 1. Attend and participate in the alternative educational program provided by the district in accordance with applicable statutes. The alternative educational program shall be tutoring. 2. The student must comply with all Board of Education policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct. Following any early readmission to Windham Public Schools, if the Administration determines that the student who is the subject of this hearing has failed to satisfy the conditions set forth in this motion or has committed any suspendable or expellable offense during the expulsion period, the probation period shall cease and the Administration shall reinstate the student's expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion period. During the period of the expulsion the student who is the subject of this hearing shall not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school-sponsored events, and activities, including graduation ceremonies unless the student receives approval from the administration to enter school property. The student may participate in the alternative educational opportunity provided by the Windham Public Schools and the student may also enter school property in order to take the SATs.

On the motion: 5-0; unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Mrs. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Haney, that the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 8:15 P.M.

On the motion: 5-0; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

John Adamo, Secretary