

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
September 25, 2007

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Diaz

BOARD ABSENT: Mr. Adamo, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Clements, Mrs. Haney

ALSO: Superintendent Mr. Perzanoski, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Mr. Brochu, Windham High School Principal Mr. Blain, Windham High School Assistant Principal Ms. Lazzari, Parent of Student A, Student A

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Folan called the September 25, 2007, special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:35 P.M., in the superintendent's office, room 220, second floor, Kramer building.

Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board enter into executive session for discussion of exempt documents pertaining to a student matter at 5:35 P.M.

On the motion: Aye, 3-0; unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Diaz

ALSO: Superintendent Mr. Perzanoski, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Mr. Brochu, Windham High School Principal Mr. Blain, Windham High School Assistant Principal Ms. Lazzari, Parent of Student A, Student A

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Chair Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 6:42 P.M.

Motion of Mr. Diaz, seconded by Mrs. Rayhall, that the Windham Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record, that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on September 4, 2007, possess a knife on school grounds which violated a publicized policy of the Board, endangered persons or property, and was seriously disruptive of the educational process. As a result of the above findings, the Windham Board of Education concludes that the student who is the subject of this hearing did commit an expellable offense. Moved further that the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the Windham Public Schools until the start of the 2008-09 school year; and moved further that the student may be permitted to re-enter school effective September 26, 2007, on a probationary status, if the student satisfies all of the following conditions, as determined by the Administration: (1) comply with all Board of Education policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct, including having no unexcused absences. When the student is readmitted to the Windham Public Schools on a probationary status, the student will be on disciplinary probation for the rest of the full expulsion period. If the Administration determines, in its sole discretion, that the student 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. If the student's expulsion is reinstated, the Administration will provide an alternative educational program, and the student shall not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school-sponsored events and activities.

On the motion: Aye, 3-0; unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 6:45 P.M.

On the motion: 3-0; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Folan, Chair