

WINDHAM SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2008
REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Windham School Board met on October 15, 2008 in Town Council Chambers for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Jeff Pierce, Kate Brix, Mike Duffy, Donna Cobb, Marge Govoni, Mary Wassick, and Superintendent Sandy Prince. Absent: Toby Pennels

Executive Session – Expulsion Hearing

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Kate Brix, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve going into Executive Session to consider the possible expulsion of a student pursuant to [1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B)]. 6:35 p.m.

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Kate Brix, the School Committee voted 4-2 that the Board find as follows:

1. That the student's actions were deliberately disobedient
2. That the removal of the student is necessary for the peace and usefulness of the School
3. That based on these facts the Board hereby expels the student effective immediately, subject to the student's right to request readmission pursuant to law and that the Superintendent notify the student and his/hr parent(s) of this action in writing with a copy of these written findings of fact and conclusions.

Mr. Pierce and Mr. Duffy were opposed.

Educational Update

Manchester School Principal, Cynthia Curtis, talked to the Board about the Manchester School's initiatives, goals for the year, and the school's programs.

Report of Secretary

On a motion by Kate Brix, Seconded by Mike Duffy, the School Committee voted 5-0-1 to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2008 Regular Meeting. Mrs. Wassick abstained.

On a motion by Kate Brix, Seconded by Marge Govoni, the School Committee voted 4-0-2 to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2008 Special Meeting. Mrs. Brix and Mr. Duffy abstained.

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Mike Duffy, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2008 Special Meeting.

On a motion by Kate Brix, Seconded by Marge Govoni, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2008 Special Meeting.

Crisis Plan

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Kate Brix, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve the Windham School Department Crisis Plan.

Employee Compensation

On a motion by Mike Duffy, Seconded by Mary Wassick, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve a plan for School Department employees participating in Section 403b plans and the Maine State Public Employee Retirement System to repay to the School Department, over a period of up to 60 months, overpayments caused by an error in the automated payroll system; to approve payment of the actual cost, not to exceed \$500, on behalf of each said employee for professional tax advice and additional taxes resulting from amendment of employees' tax returns due to the correction of employees' W-2 forms for 2006 and 2007; and to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to arrange for an independent audit of the overpayments and to approve all other actions necessary to implement the plan.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Marge Govoni, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve that the meeting be adjourned. 10:12 p.m.