

WINDHAM SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2004

SPECIAL MEETING

Members of the Windham School Board met on December 1, 2004 in the Windham Town Council Chambers for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Mike Duffy, Kate Brix, Ann Rich, Donna Cobb, Mel Winslow, Toby Pennels, Jeff Vermette and Superintendent Sandy Prince.

Executive Session – Expulsion Hearing

On a motion by Mel Winslow, Seconded by Ann Rich, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve going into Executive Session to consider the possible expulsion of a student pursuant to [1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B)]. 6:02 p.m.

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Ann Rich, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve returning to Special Session. 7:22 p.m.

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 7-0 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/her parent(s) of this action in writing with a copy of these written findings of fact and conclusions.

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Ann Rich, the School Committee voted 6-1 that the student just expelled be readmitted to school on Thursday, December 2, 2004. Mr. Winslow was opposed.

Executive Session – Expulsion Hearing

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Toby Pennels, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve going into Executive Session to consider the possible expulsion of a student pursuant to [1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B)]. 7:30 p.m.

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Ann Rich, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve returning to Special Session. 8:31 p.m.

Mrs. Rich excused herself from the meeting at this time.

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Kate Brix, the School Committee voted 2-4 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/her parent(s) of this action in writing with a copy of these written findings of fact and conclusions.

Mr. Winslow and Mrs. Cobb voted for expulsion. Mr. Vermette, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Pennels, and Mrs. Brix voted not to expel. The motion failed and the student was not expelled.

Appointment

On a motion by Kate Brix, Seconded by Ann Rich, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Richard Sellinger, Jr., as a 3/5ths Gifted & Talented Teacher at Manchester School for the 2004 – 2005 school year, at a pro-rated salary of \$12,426 (Bachelors +30, Step 0).

Policies

On a motion by Ann Rich, Seconded by Kate Brix, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the First Reading of the Physical Restraint Policy (File: JKG).

On a motion by Mel Winslow, Seconded by Kate Brix, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the First Reading of the Truancy Policy (File: JHB).

Adjournment

On a motion by Mel Winslow, Seconded by Toby Pennels, the School Committee voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting. 9:05 p.m.