

WINDHAM SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

SPECIAL MEETING

Members of the Windham School Board met on December 7, 2005 in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall for a Special Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Mike Duffy, Kate Brix, Donna Cobb, Jeff Vermette, Toby Pennels, Mary Wassick, and Superintendent Sandy Prince.

Executive Session – Expulsion Hearing

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Kate Brix, the School Committee voted 5-0 to approve going into Executive Session to consider the possible expulsion of a student pursuant to [1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B)]. 6:07 p.m. Mr. Vermette arrived right after the motion was made.

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 6-0 to return to Special Session. 7:55 p.m.

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 6-0 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 concludes that the student under consideration be expelled, and is hereby expelled, effective December 7, 2005, and that the Superintendent notify the student and his/her parents of this action in writing with a copy of these written findings of fact and conclusions.

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 4-2 to readmit the student under consideration, effective December 7, 2005, subject to two conditions: (1) the student will submit to a drug test and provide evidence of that test to the Superintendent and High School administration; (2) the re-entry to school will be directed by the Superintendent. Mrs. Wassick and Mr. Duffy were opposed.

Recess

On a motion by Mary Wassick, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 6-0 that the Board recess for a Workshop Session and return to Special Session after the Workshop.

The Board did not return to the Special Session for an Expulsion Hearing as there was confusion regarding the presence of attorneys. The Executive Session will be held at the next Board meeting.