

WINDHAM SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2006

SPECIAL MEETING

Members of the Windham School Board met on March 8, 2006 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, Donna Cobb, Jeff Vermette, Toby Pennels, Kate Brix, Jeff Pierce, Mary Wassick, and Superintendent Sandy Prince.

Executive Session – Expulsion Hearing

On a motion by Kate Brix, Seconded by Jeff Vermette, the School Committee voted 4-0 to approve going into Executive Session to consider the possible expulsion of a student pursuant to [1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B)]. 6:05 p.m. Mr. Vermette entered at 6:10 p.m.; Mrs. Wassick arrived at 6:18 p.m.; Mr. Pennels arrived at 6:30 p.m. and excused himself from participating in the hearing because he knew the student under consideration.

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Mary Wassick, the School Committee voted 7-0 to return to Special Session. 7:05 p.m.

On a motion by Kate Brix, Seconded by Mary Wassick, the School Committee voted 5-1-1 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 February 28, 2006, 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.

Mr. Vermette was opposed. Mr. Pennels abstained.

Adjournment

On a motion by Jeff Pierce, Seconded by Mary Wassick, the School Committee voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting. 7:06 p.m.