

WINDHAM SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2004

REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Windham School Board met on November 17, 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, Donna Cobb, Mel Winslow, Toby Pennels, Jeff Vermette and Superintendent Sandy Prince. Absent: Ann Rich

Executive Session – Expulsion Hearing

On a motion by Mel Winslow, 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)]. 6:05 p.m.

On a motion by Kate Brix, Seconded by Mel Winslow, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve returning to Regular Session. 7:27 p.m.

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 0-6 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.

The motion failed and the student was not expelled.

Report of the Secretary

On a motion by Mel Winslow, Seconded by Jeff Vermette, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of the following meetings: October 6, 2004 Workshop Meeting; October 13, 2004 Special Meeting; October 20, 2004 Regular Meeting; October 27, 2004 Special Meeting; November 3, 2004 Special Meeting; and the November 3, 2004 Workshop Meeting.

Policies

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve the Physical Examinations of Students Policy (File: JLCA), and to waive the Second Reading.

On a motion by Kate Brix, Seconded by Mel Winslow, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve the Questioning and Searches of Students Policy (File: JIH), and to waive the Second Reading.

School Resource Officer

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Kate Brix, the School Committee voted 5-1 to approve the position of a School Resource Officer, pending approval of the grant by the Windham Town Council. Mr. Winslow was opposed.

Executive Session – Expulsion Hearing

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, 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)]. 8:27 p.m.

On a motion by Kate Brix, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 6-0 to approve returning to Regular Session. 9:40 p.m.

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Donna Cobb, the School Committee voted 5-0-1 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 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. Pennels excused himself from the vote.

Adjournment

On a motion by Jeff Vermette, Seconded by Mel Winslow, the School Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting. 10:14 p.m.