

**Windsor Locks Board of Education
58 South Elm Street
Windsor Locks, CT 06096**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
January 30, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**

Members Present: K. Christianson, D. Gragnolati, and A. Osorio
Members Absent: L. Cutler
Administrators: S. Parkhurst, R. Bissonnette and J. Robinson
Staff: None
Students: None
Others: None

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Ms. Kylee Christainson called the Special Meeting to Order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 201 at Windsor Locks High School.

A. Roll Call

All Board Members were present other than Ms. Lindsey Cutler.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

II. Expulsion Hearing

Chairperson Ms. Christianson indicated that this hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act which is contained in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4-176e to 4-180a, inclusive and Section 4-181a. In particular, the hearing is convened to consider the Superintendent of Schools Motion for Reconsideration and Reversal of the Windsor Locks Board of Education's Expulsion Decision entered on November 2, 2023, for Student B brought pursuant to Section 4-181a(b).

Notice of this hearing for the purpose of consideration of the Motion was sent by email, regular and certified mail on January 19, 2024 to the parent for the student at the address of record.

She explained how the hearing will be conducted and explained the procedures.

Executive Session

It was **MOVED** (Christianson) and **SECONDED** (Gragnolati) and **PASSED** (U), that the Board of Education enters into Executive Session for the purpose of Consideration for a Motion brought by the Superintendent of Schools requesting the Board vacate a Student Expulsion Decision rendered by the Board on

November 2, 2023, based upon changing circumstances that did not exist when the Decision was rendered. During the hearing on the Motion, matters of personal privacy of the student involved are likely to be discussed. Further, move that the following persons are to be invited into Executive Session to assist in either giving testimony or evidence or representing the various parties to the proceedings:

- Mr. Shawn Parkhurst, Superintendent of Schools.
- The student who is the subject of the expulsion proceedings.
- The parent(s) of the student who is the subject of the expulsion proceeds.

Others:

- Dr. Rebecca Bissonnette, Windsor Locks High School Principal
- Mr. Joshua Robinson, Director of Pupil Services

The Board entered Executive Session at 3:03 p.m.

III. Consideration of and Possible Action Regarding Motion for Reconsideration/Request to Vacate Expulsion Decision dated November 2, 2023

Testimony was given by Mr. Shawn Parkhurst, Dr. Rebecca Bissonnette, and Mr. Joshua Robinson followed by questions from the Board of Education Members.

The Board recessed Executive Session at 3:08 p.m.

It was **MOVED** (Christianson) and **SECONDED** (Osorio) and **PASSED** (U) that the Board of Education permits the Superintendent's Motion be granted and the Board's Decision for the expulsion of Student B rendered on November 2, 2024 be vacated, effective immediately, based upon changed circumstances not existing when the original Decision was rendered. Accordingly, the Student may return to school and the record of the expulsion shall be expunged.

IV. Adjournment

It was **MOVED** (Gragnotati) and **SECONDED** (Osorio) and **PASSED** (U) that the Board of Education adjourns the January 30, 2024 Special Meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Piotrowicz
Recording Secretary