

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

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
October 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

Members Present: K. Christianson, D. Gragnolati, A. Osorio, and G. Guyette  
Members Absent: L. Cutler  
Administrators: S. Parkhurst, R. Bissonnette, and K. Krupa  
Staff: None  
Students: Student B  
Others: Mother of Student B

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Kylee Christianson called the Special Meeting to Order at 4:08 p.m., in the Windsor Locks Public School’s Professional Development Room.

**II. Roll Call**

Board Members Chairperson Ms. Christianson, Vice-Chair Mr. Gragnolati, Ms. Osorio and Mr. Guyette were present.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**IV. Executive Session**

It was **MOVED** (Guyette) and **SECONDED** (Gragnolati) and **PASSED** (U), that the Board of Education enters into Executive Session to conduct a student expulsion hearing and to preserve the confidentiality of student records, and that the following be invited to attend the executive session to offer testimony: Superintendent of Schools, High School Administration, witnesses to testify for the administration, student and parents, witnesses for student and parents, legal counsel for the Board of Education and the administration, and the student, if present.

Chairperson Ms. Christianson asked all persons in attendance to identify themselves for the record:

Board of Education Members:

Ms. Kylee Christianson  
Mr. Dennis Gragnolati  
Mr. Greg Guyette  
Ms. Alba Osorio

Others:

Mr. Shawn Parkhurst, Superintendent of Windsor Locks Public School  
Dr. Rebecca Bissonnette, Principal of Windsor Locks High School

Ms. Kirsten Krupa, Assistant Principal of Windsor Locks High School  
Mother of Student B  
Student B

Mrs. Denise Piotrowicz, Recording Secretary, Windsor Locks Board of Education

Witnesses were sworn in by Chairperson Ms. Christianson.

**V. Action Regarding Expulsion**

Testimony regarding the offense and penalty phase was given by Dr. Rebecca Bissonnette and Student B followed by questions from the Board of Education Members.

Board Recessed at 4:19 p.m.

Board Reconvened at 4:24 p.m.

Chairperson indicated after a discussion, the Board has decided Student B engaged in conduct that violated Board policy and therefore committed an expellable offense.

**VI. Action Regarding Expulsion**

Testimony regarding the penalty phase of the expulsion was given by Mr. Shawn Parkhurst, Dr. Rebecca Bissonnette, and Ms. Kirsten Krupa followed by questions from the Board of Education Members.

Board Recessed at 4:33 p.m.

Board Reconvened at 4:42 p.m.

Board reconvened into public session at 4:47 p.m.

It was **MOVED** (Guyette) and **SECONDED** (Osorio) and **PASSED** (U) that the Windsor Locks Board of Education (1) accepts and adopts the findings and facts discussed and presented in executive session; and find that Student B is hereby expelled from the Windsor Locks Public Schools, including all school-related activities, curricular or otherwise, for a period of one calendar year and (2) that as a consequence of said conduct, Student B shall be expelled in accordance with the terms and conditions of the administrations recommendations as presented.

**VII. Adjournment**

It was **MOVED** (Gragnolati) and **SECONDED** (Osorio) and **PASSED** (U) that the Board of Education adjourns the October 22, 2024 Special Meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Piotrowicz  
Recording Secretary