

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

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
November 27, 2024 12:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dennis Gragnolati, Lindsay Cutler, Alba Osorio
Members Absent: Kylee Christianson, Greg Guyette
Administrators: Shawn Parkhurst, Rebecca Bissonnette, Rachel March, Joshua Robinson
Staff: Donna Bole, Acting Recording Secretary
Students: None
Others: None

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Gragnolati called the Special Meeting to Order at 12:35 p.m. in the Windsor Locks Public School's Professional Development Room.

II. Roll Call

Dennis Gragnolati, Lindsay Cutler, and Alba Osorio were present

Kylee Christianson and Greg Guyette were absent

III. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Executive Session

It was MOVED (L. Cutler) and SECONDED (A. Osorio) 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, Coordinator of Alternative Services, Director of Pupil Services, witnesses to testify for the administration, student and parents, witnesses for student and parents, if present.

Vice-Chair Gragnolati asked all persons in attendance to identify themselves for the record:

Board of Education Members:

Dennis Gragnolati
Lindsay Cutler
Alba Osorio

Others:

Shawn Parkhurst, Superintendent of Windsor Locks Public Schools
Rebecca Bissonnette, WLHS Principal
Joshua Robinson, Director of Pupil Services
Rachel March, Coordinator of Alternative Services
Donna Bole, Acting Recording Secretary

Witnesses were sworn in by Vice-Chair Gragnolati.

Testimony regarding the offense was given by Rebecca Bissonnette, WLHS Principal followed by questions from the Board of Education Members.

Board Recessed at 12:41 p.m.

Board Reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 12:43 p.m.

It was **MOVED** (A. Osorio) and **SECONDED** (L. Cutler) and **PASSED** (U) that the Board of Education finds that Student C did engage in conduct that violated Board Policy and was seriously disruptive to the educational process. The student has therefore committed an expellable offense.

It was **MOVED** (L. Cutler) and **SECONDED** (A. Osorio) and **PASSED** (U) that the Board of Education reconvenes in Executive Session to conduct a student expulsion hearing and to protect the confidential student records and that the same persons who were previously invited to attend the Executive Session are invited to attend at 12:44 p.m.

V. Action Regarding Expulsion

Testimony regarding the penalty phase of the expulsion was given Rebecca Bissonnette, followed by questions from the Board of Education Members.

Board Recessed at 12:50 p.m.

Board Reconvened at 12:52 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 12:52 p.m.

It was **MOVED** (A. Osorio) and **SECONDED** (L. Cutler) 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 C is hereby expelled from the Windsor Locks Public Schools, including all school-related activities, curricular or otherwise, for a period of one calendar year beginning November 15, 2024 and ending November 15, 2025 and (2) that as a consequence of said conduct, Student C shall be expelled in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Administrations Recommendations dated November 15, 2024 as presented.

VI. Adjournment

It was **MOVED** (L. Cutler) and **SECONDED** (A. Osorio) and **PASSED** (U) that the Board of Education adjourns the November 27, 2024 Special Meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Bole
Acting Recording Secretary