

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

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
December 10, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**

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

**I. Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Dennis Gragnolati called the Special Meeting to Order at 4:33 p.m., in the Windsor Locks Public School's Professional Development Room.

**II. Roll Call**

Vice-Chairman Dennis Gragnolati, Board Member Alba Osorio, and Board Member Lindsey Cutler were present.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**IV. Executive Session**

It was **MOVED** (Cutler) and **SECONDED** (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, 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.

Vice-Chairman Mr. Gragnolati asked all persons in attendance to identify themselves for the record:

Board of Education Members:

Vice-Chairman Mr. Dennis Gragnolati  
Ms. Alba Osorio  
Ms. Lindsey Cutler

Others:

Student D  
Mother of Student D  
Mr. Shawn Parkhurst, Superintendent of Windsor Locks Public Schools  
Dr. Rebecca Bissonnette, Principal of Windsor Locks High School  
Ms. Kristen Krupa, Assistant Principal of Windsor Locks High School  
Mrs. Denise Piotrowicz, Recording Secretary, Windsor Locks Board of Education

Witnesses were sworn in by Vice-Chairman Mr. Gragnolati.

**V. Action Regarding Expulsion**

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

Board Recessed at 4:44 p.m.  
Board Reconvened at 4:50 p.m.

Vice-Chairman indicated after a discussion, the Board has decided Student D 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 Dr. Rebecca Bissonnette, followed by questions from the Board of Education Members.

Board Recessed at 5:00 p.m.  
Board Reconvened at 5:07 p.m.

Board reconvened into public session at 5:07 p.m.

It was **MOVED** (Osorio) and **SECONDED** (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 D 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 D shall be expelled in accordance with the terms and conditions of the administrations recommendations as presented.

**VII. Adjournment**

It was **MOVED** (Cutler) and **SECONDED** (Osorio) and **PASSED** (U) that the Board of Education adjourns the December 10, 2024 Special Meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Piotrowicz  
Recording Secretary