

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
100 SOUTH TURNPIKE ROAD
WALLINGFORD, CT 06492
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

Mission

To inspire through innovative and engaging experiences that lead all learners to pursue and discover their personal best.

Vision

Wallingford Public Schools, in partnership with our families and community, will provide a safe, healthy, and supportive environment that ignites an enduring passion for excellence in every learner, so that each becomes a life-long contributor to the local, national and global communities.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. McKay called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CASTELLI, MCKAY, REYNOLDS, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, DUTHIE

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR BOARD INQUIRY INTO THE CONTINUED ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE OF MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT A AT 5:21 P.M.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR BOARD INQUIRY INTO THE CONTINUED ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE OF MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT A AT 5:21 P.M.

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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, DUTHIE

OTHERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

SANTIAGO, BARTLETT

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:54 P.M.

MOTION: CASTELLI SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:54 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 5:55 P.M.

MOTION THE WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION FINDS THAT STUDENT A HAS ENGAGED IN CONDUCT THAT VIOLATED A PUBLICIZED POLICY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SPECIFICALLY POLICY 5114 - SECTION III, B3 BY POSSESSING AND SELLING MARIJUANA LACED BROWNIES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. THIS BEHAVIOR ENDANGERED PERSONS, WAS SERIOUSLY DISRUPTIVE OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS, AND VIOLATED A PUBLICIZED POLICY OF THE WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION. AS A RESULT, THE CONDUCT DESCRIBED ABOVE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION UNDER BOARD POLICY 5114.

MOTION: MCKAY SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education finds that Student A has engaged in conduct that violated a publicized policy of the Board of Education, specifically Policy 5114 – Section III, B3 by possessing and selling marijuana laced brownies on school grounds. This behavior endangered persons, was seriously disruptive of the educational process, and violated a publicized policy of the Wallingford Board of Education. As a result, the conduct described above constitutes grounds for expulsion under Board Policy 5114.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REGARDING THE EXPULSION OF STUDENT A PURSUANT TO CONN. GENERAL STATUTE G.S. 10-233d AT 5:55 P.M.

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REGARDING THE EXPULSION OF STUDENT A PURSUANT TO CONN. GENERAL STATUTE G.S. 10- 233d AT 5:55 P.M.

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SANTIAGO, BARTLETT

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:22 P.M.

MOTION: MCKAY SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:22 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 7:22 P.M.

ACTION BY THE BOARD IN RESPONSE TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION OR MOTION REGARDING STUDENT A

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education finds on the basis of this misconduct, the Wallingford Board of Education expels the student who is the subject of this hearing, effective immediately and continuing for one calendar year. During the period of expulsion, the student will be provided with an alternative education opportunity as deemed appropriate by the Administration. Notwithstanding the above, if the student actively participates in the alternative educational program, including good attendance, maintaining a C average or better and having no further behavioral issues, the student will have the ability to petition for conditional readmittance before the last day of the 2016 – 2017 school year for readmission on the first day of the 2017-2018 school year. If the student commits any suspendable offense during the conditional readmittance period, he will be automatically removed from the school for the remainder of the expulsion period. During any part of the period of exclusion however, he shall not be permitted to be on school property or to attend any school-sponsored activity.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto

