

**SPECIAL MEETING - MANSFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL LMC CLASSROOM
DRAFT MINUTES
February 25, 2019**

Item 1: Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Those Board members in attendance were Kathy Ward, Chair, Edith Allison, and Rebecca Aubrey

Also in attendance were: Shamim Patwa, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services, the student and the student's parents.

Item 2: Confidential Hearing Related to Confidential Student Matter.

Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Aubrey: That the Board go into executive session for the purpose of confidential student matters, and invite into executive session all present.

Vote: All voted yes

The Board entered executive session at 4:06 p.m. During the executive session, the Board held the disciplinary hearing and, after excusing Dr. Patwa, the student and student's parent, deliberated on the matter.

The Board then came out of executive session and made the following motion:

Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Allison that:

1. Student who is the subject of this hearing was expelled from the Windham Public Schools on January 18, 2019 by the Windham Board of Education. Student who is the subject of this hearing was expelled for the possession of a pocket knife on a school bus.
2. Possession of a pocket knife on a school bus violates the Mansfield Board of Education Student Discipline Policy.

Based upon the findings noted above, the Board adopts the expulsion decision of the Windham Board of Education, with the effect that the student who is the subject of this hearing is expelled from all school property and all school-sponsored activities of the Mansfield Public Schools. However, based on the parties' presentations concerning the original expulsion, and evidence related thereto, the Board is modifying the period of expulsion to end on the last day of school (June 15th, 2019) and permitting the Administration to readmit the student to school on a probationary basis on February 26, 2019. During the conditional remittance period, the student must not commit any suspendable or expellable offense. If, however, after the student's probationary readmission to school, the student engages in any conduct that would warrant suspension or expulsion under the policies and procedures of the Mansfield Public Schools, the Administration may reimpose the period of expulsion from school, without the need to reconvene a Board level hearing, with the effect that the student shall be excluded from all school property and all school-sponsored activities through June 15th, 2019, the last day of school.

During any period of exclusion from school imposed by this expulsion decision, the student is not permitted on school property or at any school-sponsored activity unless specific written authorization is obtained from the Administration. During the period of exclusion from school imposed by this expulsion decision, the student will be provided with an alternative educational opportunity as determined by the Administration.

Vote: **All voted yes**

Item 3: **Adjournment.**

Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Aubrey to adjourn at 4:36pm

Vote: **All voted yes**