

COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT

**MINUTES OF THE EXPULSION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, June 7, 2010 – 5:00 p.m.  
Administration Building Conference Room  
Student ID # 2009-2010-09

**PRESENT:** Larry Pietrantonio, Mary Kortmann, Cheryl Trudon  
Board of Education Expulsion Committee

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Donna Bernard, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Judith Richard, Director of Pupil & Staff Support Services  
Troy Hopkins, Principal of Coventry High School  
Sean Tomany, Assistant Principal of Coventry High School

**OTHERS:** Student ID # 2009-2010-09  
Family of Student ID # 2009-2010-09  
Attorney, Kevin O'Brien, representing student  
Gary Cesca, PSSS Staff  
Heather Mackintosh, CHS Guidance Counselor  
Attorney Kevin Roy, representing Coventry BOE

A meeting of the Expulsion Committee of the Coventry Board of Education was held on June 7, 2010, in the Administration Building Conference Room to consider and act on the expulsion of a minor student ID # 2009-2010-09 at Coventry High School for violation of Policy #5144 and #5131A. The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

**MOVED** by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by C. Trudon at 5:08 p.m. that the Committee go into Executive Session with Administrators, student ID #2009-2010-09, student's family, and the Board's Attorney, pursuant to CGS 10-233d, the expulsion of a minor student.  
**RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

Board recessed at 6:51 p.m. Board returned to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m. at the conclusion of listening to testimony, the student, the administration, others, and the student's family leave the meeting while the Board deliberates.

The Committee came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 8:14 p.m.

**MOVED** by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by C. Trudon, at 8:15 p.m.,  
That the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on or about May 26, 2010, engage in conduct that violated Board policy, was seriously disruptive to the educational process, and therefore constitutes an expellable offense.  
**RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously

**MOVED** by C. Trudon, **SECONDED** by M. Kortmann that the Committee reconvene to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

The Committee came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 8:47 p.m.

**MOVED** by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by C. Trudon, at 8:47 p.m., that the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled for a period of one calendar year. During the period of expulsion, the student shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity. Aside from when attending the alternative educational opportunity the student may not enter school grounds or properties.

If the student adequately progresses in his alternative educational opportunity, in the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, the student may return to school at the start of the 2010-2011 school year. Should, during his return to school, the student violate any publicized school rule or Board policy, the Superintendent of Schools may reinstitute the remaining period of the calendar year expulsion.

During the period of return, the Administration shall retain authority to make appropriate steps to curb any disruption to the educational process based on the incidents leading to the student's expulsion.

Should the student successfully complete the full length of the expulsion and meet all conditions contained herein, the Administration shall take appropriate steps to expunge the student's record at that time.

**MOVED** by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by C. Trudon at 8:47 p.m., to adjourn the meeting.  
**RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted by,

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Cheryl Trudon  
Expulsion Committee Member