

COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES OF THE EXPULSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 14, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Administration Building Conference Room
Student ID # 2009-2010-01

PRESENT: Larry Pietrantonio, Mary Kortmann, Kathleen Ryan
Board of Education Expulsion Committee

ADMINISTRATORS: Donna Bernard, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools
Judith Richard, Director of Pupil & Staff Support Services
Michele Mullaly, Principal of the Capt. Nathan Hale School
Scott Sadinsky, Assistant Principal of the Capt. Nathan Hale School

OTHERS: Student ID # 2009-2010-01
Family of Student ID # 2009-2010-01
Attorney Peter Murphy, representing Coventry BOE

A meeting of the Expulsion Committee of the Coventry Board of Education was held on September 14, 2009, in the Administration Building Conference Room to consider and act on the expulsion of a minor student ID # 2009-2010-01 at the Capt. Nathan Hale School for violation of Policy #5144 Student Discipline. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

MOVED by K. Ryan, **SECONDED** by M. Kortmann at 6:18 p.m. that the Committee go into Executive Session with Administrators, student ID #2009-2010-01, student's family, and the Board's Attorney, pursuant to CGS 10-233d, the expulsion of a minor student.
RESULT: Motion passes unanimously.

At 6:35 p.m. at the conclusion of listening to testimony, the student, the administration, 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 6:40 p.m.

MOVED by K. Ryan, **SECONDED** by M. Kortmann, at 6:41 p.m.,
That the Coventry Board of Education finds that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on September 4, 2009, engaged in the following conduct: possessed metal knuckles at the Capt. Nathan Hale School. This conduct violated publicized policies of the Coventry Board of Education, specifically policy #5144, and constitutes an expellable offense. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously

MOVED by K. Ryan, **SECONDED** by M. Kortmann that the Committee reconvene to Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

The Committee came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 7:45 p.m.

MOVED by L. Pietrantonio, **SECONDED** by M. Kortmann, at 7:46 p.m., that the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from all school property and school-sponsored events for a period of one (1) calendar year; beginning September 4, 2009. And further moved that the student may be permitted to re-

enter school effective November 5, 2009 on a probationary status, if s/he satisfies all of the following conditions, as determined by the Administration:

1. Attend and participate on a daily basis in the alternative educational program provided by the district.
2. Comply with all Board of Education policies, rules, and regulations concerning student conduct.
3. If the Student is readmitted to the Coventry Public Schools on a probationary status, s/he will be on disciplinary probation for the rest of the full expulsion period. If the Administration determines, in its sole discretion, that the student has failed to satisfy the conditions set forth in this motion or has committed any suspendable or expellable offense during the expulsion period, the probation period shall cease and the Administration shall reinstate the student's expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion period. During the period of the expulsion the student shall not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school-sponsored events and activities.

MOVED by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by K. Ryan at 7:50 p.m., to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted by,

Larry Pietrantonio
Expulsion Committee Chairman