

COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES OF THE EXPULSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 30, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Administration Building Conference Room
Student ID # 2009-2010-02

PRESENT: Larry Pietrantonio, John Barrett, 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
Gina Olearczyk, PSSS Staff

OTHERS: Student ID # 2009-2010-02
Family of Student ID # 2009-2010-02
Lt. Walter Solenski
Attorney Kevin Roy, representing Coventry BOE

A meeting of the Expulsion Committee of the Coventry Board of Education was held on November 30, 2009, in the Administration Building Conference Room to consider and act on the expulsion of a minor student ID # 2009-2010-02 at Coventry High School for violation of Policy #5144 Student Discipline and #5131.6 Drug and Alcohol Use by Students. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

MOVED by L. Pietrantonio, **SECONDED** by C. Trudon at 6:06 p.m. that the Committee go into Executive Session with Administrators, student ID #2009-2010-02, student's family, and the Board's Attorney, pursuant to CGS 10-233d, the expulsion of a minor student.
RESULT: Motion passes unanimously.

At 6:15 p.m. at the conclusion of listening to testimony, the student, the administration, Lt. Solenski, 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 6:17 p.m.

MOVED by C. Trudon, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio, at 6:18 p.m.,
That the student who is the subject of this hearing committed an expellable offense on November 18, 2009 by using marijuana on school grounds. Such offense is a violation of Board policies 5144 and 5131.6.
RESULT: Motion passes unanimously

MOVED by C. Trudon, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio that the Committee reconvene to Executive Session at 6:19 p.m. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

The Committee came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 6:50 p.m.

MOVED by C. Trudon, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio, at 6:52 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 provided with an alternative educational opportunity, as determined by the Administration. During the period of expulsion, the student may not enter school grounds or property, except as may be necessary to attend the alternative educational opportunity. During the period of expulsion, the student shall be subject to drug testing, as determined by the Administration. During the period of expulsion, the student shall enter into an appropriate behavioral plan with the Administration. Should the student adequately progress in his alternative educational opportunity, and should the student meet all the terms of the expulsion, the student may be returned to school at the start of the fourth quarter. If at any time, the student violates any of the terms of the expulsion, the full-term of the expulsion shall be reinstated.

MOVED by J. Barrett, **SECONDED** by C. Trudon at 6:53 p.m., to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted by,

John Barrett
Expulsion Committee Member