

COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES OF THE EXPULSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Administration Building Conference Room
Student ID # 2009-2010-05

PRESENT: Larry Pietrantonio, John Barrett, Mary Kortmann
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 # 2009-2010-05
Family of Student ID # 2009-2010-05
Officer Opdenbrouw
Attorney Kevin Roy, representing Coventry BOE

A meeting of the Expulsion Committee of the Coventry Board of Education was held on December 8, 2009, in the Administration Building Conference Room to consider and act on the expulsion of a minor student ID # 2009-2010-05 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 6:04 p.m.

MOVED by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio at 6:05 p.m. that the Committee go into Executive Session with Administrators, student ID #2009-2010-05, Officer Opdenbrouw, student's family, and the Board's Attorney, pursuant to CGS 10-233d, the expulsion of a minor student. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

At 6:16 p.m. at the conclusion of listening to testimony, the student, the administration, Officer Opdenbrouw, 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 M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio, at 6:17 p.m., that the Board of Education finds that the student, who is the subject of this hearing, did on December 1, 2009, possess alcohol and controlled substances and drug paraphernalia on school grounds. This conduct was seriously disruptive to the educational process and violated publicized policies of the Board and constitutes an expellable offence.

RESULT: Motion passes unanimously

MOVED by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio that the Committee reconvene to Executive Session at 6:18 p.m. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

The Committee came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 6:38 p.m.

MOVED by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by J. Barrett, at 6:38 p.m., that the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from school for a period of one calendar year. During the period of expulsion the student may not enter school grounds or properties, and may not participate in school activities, except as provided herein. During the period of expulsion, the student shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity, as determined by the Administration. During the full period of expulsion, the student shall receive random drug testing. Should the student adequately progress in her alternative educational opportunity and adhere to all aspects of the expulsion, the student may return to school at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, provided that the student adheres to a behavioral plan determined by the administration. Should the student not adhere to the terms of the expulsion or her behavioral plan upon her return to school, the full term of the expulsion shall be reinstated.

MOVED by L. Pietrantonio, **SECONDED** by M. Kortmann at 6:40 p.m., to adjourn the meeting. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted by,

John Barrett
Expulsion Committee Member