

COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES OF THE EXPULSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, 2009 – 6:45 p.m.
Administration Building Conference Room
Student ID # 2009-2010-06

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
David Petrone, Principal of the G. H. Robertson School
Gina Olearczyk, PSSS Staff

OTHERS: Student ID # 2009-2010-06
Family of Student ID # 2009-2010-06
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 # 2009-2010-06 at G. H. Robertson School for violation of Policy #5144 Student Discipline. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

MOVED by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio at 6:50 p.m. that the Committee go into Executive Session with Administrators, student ID #2009-2010-06, student's family, and the Board's Attorney, pursuant to CGS 10-233d, the expulsion of a minor student. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

At 7:09 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 7:36 p.m.

MOVED by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio, at 7:36 p.m., that the Board of Education finds that the student, who is the subject of this hearing, did on December 1, 2009, possess a weapon and struck another student on school grounds. This conduct endangered persons, was disruptive of 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 7:37 p.m. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

The Committee came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 8:22 p.m.

MOVED by M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by J. Barrett, at 8:22 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 calendar year. During this period,

the student shall receive an alternate educational opportunity to be determined by the Administration, including the provision of school-based social services at the student's home.

Should the student successfully progress in her alternative educational opportunity, the student may return to school on the first day of the third marking period. If, upon return to school, the student violates Board policy by creating a disruption to the educational process or endangering other persons, the full term of the expulsion shall be re-instituted.

MOVED by J. Barrett, **SECONDED** by M. Kortmann at 8:23 p.m., to adjourn the meeting.
RESULT: Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted by,

John Barrett
Expulsion Committee Member