

COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES OF THE EXPULSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.
Administration Building Conference Room
Student ID # 2009-2010-07

PRESENT: Larry Pietrantonio, Mary Ann Emanuele, 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, Coventry High School Principal
Sean Tomany, Coventry High School Assistant Principal

OTHERS: Student ID # 2009-2010-07
Family of Student ID # 2009-2010-07
Attorney Kevin Roy, representing Coventry BOE

A meeting of the Expulsion Committee of the Coventry Board of Education was held on March 10, 2010, in the Administration Building Conference Room to consider and act on the expulsion of a minor student ID # 2009-2010-07 at Coventry High School for violation of Policy #5144 Student Discipline and 5131. Drug and Alcohol Use by Students. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

MOVED by M. Emanuele, **SECONDED** by M. Kortmann at 6:34 p.m. that the Committee go into Executive Session with Administrators, student ID #2009-2010-07, student's family, and the Board's Attorney, pursuant to CGS 10-233d, the expulsion of a minor student.
RESULT: Motion passes unanimously.

At 6:45 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 6:58 p.m.

MOVED by M. Emanuele, **SECONDED** by M. Kortmann, at 6:59 p.m., that the Board of Education finds that the student, who is the subject of this hearing, did on March 2, 2010, possess drug paraphernalia on school grounds. This conduct was seriously disruptive to the educational process and violated publicized policies of the Board of Education, and constitutes an expellable offense.
RESULT: Motion passes unanimously

MOVED by M. Emanuele, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio that the Committee reconvene to Executive Session at 7:00 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 M. Kortmann, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio, 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 calendar year. During this period, the administration shall provide the student with an alternative educational opportunity, the details of which shall be determined by the administration. During the entire period of the expulsion the student shall be subject to random drug testing.

Should the student who is the subject of this hearing, adequately progress in his alternative educational opportunity and meet all of the terms and conditions of the expulsion, the Superintendent may return the student to school at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. If however, the student violates the terms of the expulsion or any Board rule or regulation at any point during the one calendar year period, the full terms of the expulsion shall be reinstated.

MOVED by M. Emanuele, **SECONDED** by M. Kortmann at 7:47 p.m., to adjourn the meeting. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted by,

Mary Kortmann
Expulsion Committee Member