

COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES OF THE EXPULSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.
Administration Building Conference Room
Student ID # 2008-2009-05

PRESENT: Larry Pietrantonio, Cheryl Trudon, John Barrett
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 # 2008-2009-05
Family of Student ID # 2008-2009-05
Attorney Kevin Roy, representing Coventry BOE

A meeting of the Expulsion Committee of the Coventry Board of Education was held on April 2, 2009, in the Administration Building Conference Room to consider and act on the expulsion of a minor student ID # 2008-2009-05 at the Capt. Nathan Hale School for violation of Policy #5144 Student Discipline. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

MOVED by C. Trudon, **SECONDED** by J. Barrett at 6:36 p.m. that the Committee go into Executive Session with Administrators, student ID #2008-2009-05, student's family, and the Board's Attorney, pursuant to CGS 10-233d, the expulsion of a minor student.

RESULT: Motion passes unanimously.

At 6:50 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 7:08 p.m.

MOVED by C. Trudon, **SECONDED** by J. Barrett, at 7:08 p.m.,
That the Coventry Board of Education finds, the student who is the subject of this hearing did possess on school grounds a knife in violation of Board policy #5144, which is an expellable offense. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously

MOVED by C. Trudon, **SECONDED** by J. Barrett that the Committee reconvene to Executive Session at 7:32 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 C. Trudon, **SECONDED** by L. Pietrantonio, at 7:45 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. During the period of expulsion, the student shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity as determined by the Administration.

If the student successfully progresses in his alternative educational opportunity, the student may return to school at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. If, however, the student violates any Board policy or regulation or any school policy or regulation after having been returned to school, the full term of the expulsion shall be automatically reinstated. **RESULT:** Motion passes unanimously.

MOVED by C. Trudon, **SECONDED** by M. Whitham at 7:50 p.m., to adjourn the meeting.
RESULT: Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Trudon
Expulsion Committee Member