

State of Wisconsin

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

In the Matter of An Appeal Filed with the
State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Appealing from the Expulsion of Bruce J [REDACTED]
from Oregon High School, Oregon, Wisconsin.

ORDER

The facts related to the above entitled appeal were determined by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction at a conference held at the State Superintendent's direction by Leonard Pennington, Consultant, Department of Public Instruction, and Max C. Ashwill, Legal Counsel, Department of Public Instruction, commencing at 7:30 P.M. on January 7, 1974, at the Oregon High School, Oregon, Wisconsin. Bruce J [REDACTED] and his parents, Reverend Cyril J [REDACTED] and Mrs. J [REDACTED], appeared in person. Members of the School Board were present as was the Superintendent, Mr. Phillip Helgesen, and other members of the school administrative staff.

The following appears from the information submitted at said conference on January 7, 1974:

That after a hearing held on October 8, 1973, the Oregon School Board, hereinafter known as the Board, voted to expel Bruce J [REDACTED], hereinafter known as Bruce, 17 years of age, from the Oregon High School for the remainder of the 1973-1974 school year.

The incidents for which the Board considered Bruce's expulsion were that he had provided illegal drugs to several Oregon High School students.

That on or about September 27, 1973, Bruce sold some 23 LSD pills to Oregon

High School students for which they paid \$1.50 per pill.

That the pills Bruce sold were known by Bruce to be dangerous to the health and safety of the Oregon High School students to whom he sold them.

That subsequent to his expulsion from Oregon High School Bruce has been attending Evansville as a tuition student and has been receiving excellent grades in that school.

That even though the acts for which he was expelled could have subjected Bruce to possible criminal sanctions had he been an adult, the juvenile authorities of the State have allowed him to remain in his home in the Oregon School District.

That although the expulsion of Bruce is here affirmed, it is recognized that enabling him to complete his high school education is a continuing responsibility of the State of Wisconsin and of the Oregon School District.

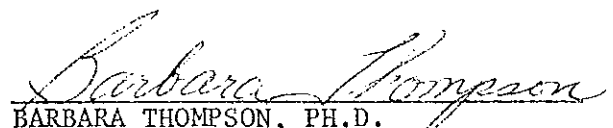
That the Evansville Board has agreed to allow Bruce to attend Evansville High School on a tuition basis.

That such attendance is considered as the most appropriate means of fulfilling the District and the State's responsibility for Bruce's education and a tuition agreement between the Oregon and Evansville Districts providing for such attendance for the last semester of the 1973-1974 school year is therefore recommended and approved.

IT IS HEREBY AND HEREWITH ORDERED That the expulsion of Bruce from Oregon Schools for the 1973-1974 school year be affirmed and he is to be reinstated as a full status student in the Oregon public schools at the beginning of the 1974-1975 school year. It is further recommended that the Oregon and Evansville Boards enter into a tuition agreement pursuant to sec. 121.78 (1), Stats., in accord with the findings above and this order shall constitute necessary approval of such agreement.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1974.

SIGNED:


BARBARA THOMPSON, PH.D.
STATE SUPERINTENDENT