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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 by Mrs. Edward G. R [redacted], Appealing from the Expulsion of Craig R [redacted] from Badger Union High School by the Badger Union High School Board of Education.

FINDINGS OF FACT

A N D

O R D E R

Facts related to the above entitled matter were determined by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction at a conference held at the State Superintendent's direction by Robert Van Raalte, Assistant Superintendent, State Department of Public Instruction, and Max C. Ashwill, Legal Consultant for the Department of Public Instruction, on February 25, 1966, at Badger Union High School, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Persons attending said conference were:

- Craig C. R [redacted], Student
- Joyce E. R [redacted], Parent and Appellant
- Edward G. R [redacted], Parent
- Karl J. Hoff, Clerk of Board of Education
- Karl L. Reinke, Principal
- Donald C. Kutz, Business Management teacher
- John K. Raup, President of Board of Education
- Vernon Pollock, Superintendent of Schools
- Arthur L. Kull, Treasurer of Board of Education

The following appears from information secured at said conference held February 25, 1966:

On January 10, 1966, the Board of Education of Badger Union High School, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, hereinafter called the Board, at a regular meeting ordered the expulsion of Craig R [redacted], student from Badger Union High School, for the remainder of the 1965-1966 school year.

Craig R [redacted] on September 22, 1965, October 25, 1965, and on December 20, 1965,

used abusive language to teachers of Badger Union High School in the presence of other students.

Craig R [REDACTED] was called to the office of the Badger Union High School Principal on November 16, 1965, and on such occasion used profane and abusive language and was thereupon warned that the continued use of such language could result in his expulsion from said high school.

On December 20, 1965, said Craig R [REDACTED] reported to the school office for an attendance permit to return to school on December 20, 1965, and upon being questioned by the school attendance officer, directed profane and other abusive language at such officer in the presence of other Badger Union High School students.

At said Board meeting of January 10, 1966, where Craig R [REDACTED] requested his reinstatement to school, there was some difference of opinion as to statements attributed to said Craig R [REDACTED] and to Board members and other persons present at said meeting.

At said meeting of the Board on January 10, 1966, said Board was informed of said incidents of September 22, 1965, October 25, 1965, November 16, 1965, and December 20, 1965.

School Board rules adopted by the Board provide that students who commit acts which interfere with the best welfare of the school program may be expelled from school.

The Board considered the express statements of said Craig R [REDACTED] made at said meeting of January 10, 1966, as well as the refusal of Craig on several occasions to follow the rules of the school and thereupon ordered the expulsion of Craig from school.

It appears that Craig R [REDACTED] is an above average student and that it is a great loss to him, family and state to withdraw the privilege of attendance in the public schools.

However much the loss suffered as a result of the expulsion of Craig R [REDACTED] the Board may order the expulsion of a student where it finds him guilty of a persistent

refusal to follow school rules and is satisfied that the interests of the school demand his expulsion.

There is some indication that the Board at the meeting of January 10, 1966, whereat it decided upon the expulsion of Craig from school, considered Craig's actions as he appeared before the Board at said meeting.

It further appears that the Board at said meeting of January 10, 1966, also considered the conduct of Craig R. [REDACTED] for which his expulsion was recommended as well as the effect the action of said Craig R. [REDACTED] had or might have on the discipline of the school.

In consequence of the foregoing, the appeal of Mrs. Edward G. R. [REDACTED] appealing from the expulsion of Craig R. [REDACTED] from Badger Union High School is herewith and hereby dismissed.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1966.

SIGNED:

Angus B. Rothwell
ANGUS B. ROTHWELL, STATE SUPERINTENDENT
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