



## Torrington Public Schools

FIONA CAPPABIANCA  
CHAIRPERSON

DENISE L. CLEMONS  
SUPERINTENDENT

**Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
Discussion of a Confidential Student Matter  
Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 5:00PM  
355 Migeon Avenue**

### *Minutes*

Board Members: Fiona Cappabianca (chair), Jessica Richardson, Armand Maniccia, Peter Vergaro, Wendy Pataky

1. Meeting called to order. Approximately 5:08PM
2. Motion to go into executive session made by P.Vergaro, seconded by A. Maniccia. All in favor.  
Move that the Board enter executive session to discuss a confidential student matter.

The Board invited the following individuals (in addition to Board members and its counsel, Jessica Ritter) into the executive session:

Denise Clemons, Superintendent  
Mark Sommaruga, Attorney for the Administration  
Mary Ann Buchanan, Principal  
Kelly Gallulo, Assistant Principal  
Student who is the subject of the hearing and his mother

Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter.  
Approximately 5:35PM

Meeting resumes. All meeting participants return. Approximately 5:47PM.

Mr. Vergaro makes the following motion in open session:

*That the Torrington Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on or about June 1, 2017, engage in the following conduct: possessed deadly weapons on school grounds. This conduct endangered persons and property, was seriously disruptive of the educational process, violated publicized policies of the Board of Education and*

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on August 23, 2017.

*constitutes an expellable offense.*

The Board further moved:

*That the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the Torrington Public Schools for one calendar year from the date of the incident, June 1, 2017. During the period of expulsion the student who is the subject of this hearing shall not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school sponsored events and activities, except to participate in the alternative educational program, as determined by the Administration.*

Seconded by J. Richardson. All in favor.

3. P. Vergaro moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Richardson. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned approximately 5:50PM.