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Torrington Public Schools

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SUPERINTENDENT

**Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Discussion of a Confidential Student Matter
Thursday, June 08, 2017, 7:30PM
355 Migeon Avenue**

Minutes

Board Members present: Joanne Brogis, Ellen Hoehne, Kenneth Traub, Peter Vergaro

1. Meeting called to order at 8:05PM.
2. Motion to go into Executive Session made by Mr. Vergaro, seconded by Ms. Hoehne. 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

Steve Sedor, Attorney for the Administration

Mary Ann Buchanan, Principal

Kelly Gallulo, Assistant Principal

Student who is the subject of the hearing and his mother and father

Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter at approximately 8:25PM.

Meeting resumes at approximately 8:32PM. All meeting participants return.

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 April 25, 2017, engage in the following conduct: sold a controlled substance on school grounds. This conduct endangered persons and property, was seriously disruptive of the

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educational process, violated publicized policies of the Board of Education and constitutes an expellable offense.

Seconded by Dr. Brogis. All in favor.

Motion to go into executive session made by Mr. Vergaro, seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor. Approximately 8:35PM.

Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter at approximately 8:45PM.

Meeting resumes at approximately 8:50PM. All meeting participants return.

Mr. Vergaro makes the following motion in open session:

That the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the Torrington Public Schools, including all school property and school sponsored events except to participate in his alternative educational program as determined by the administration, for a period of 180 school days from the date of the incident. During this period, the student shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity to be determined by the Administration.

Seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor.

3. Mr. Vergaro moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Traub. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55PM.