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## Torrington Public Schools

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CHAIRPERSON

DENISE L. CLEMONS  
SUPERINTENDENT

**Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
Discussion of a Confidential Student Matter  
Thursday, June 08, 2017, 6:30PM  
355 Migeon Avenue**

### *Minutes*

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

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.
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

Attorney Green, Attorney for the Student

Lynda Reitman, Principal

Student who is the subject of the hearing, his mother, father, step-mother and sister, and two Family friends

Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter at approximately 7:30PM.

Meeting resumes at approximately 7:52PM. 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 for one calendar year from the date of the incident, May 22, 2017. During the period of the expulsion the student who is the subject of this hearing shall not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any*

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*school-sponsored events and activities, except to participate in his alternative educational program as determined by the Administration. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Board shall make an exception and allow the student to participate in the Forbes Flyer activity effective immediately.*

*The Student may be permitted early readmission to school on the first day of the 2017-18 school year if the Superintendent finds, in her sole discretion, that the Student has met the following conditions:*

- 1) The Student regularly participates, is cooperative, and receives passing grades in the alternative education program;*
- 2) The Student avoids any serious disciplinary incident that would result in an out of school suspension or expulsion as determined by the Superintendent;*
- 3) The Student avoids any action that results in an arrest.*
- 3) The Student must perform 50 hours of community service with an organization of the Family's choosing.*

*If readmitted early, the Student will be on probation for the remainder of the original expulsion period. During the probation period, the Student must:*

- 1) Maintain passing grades;*
- 2) Avoid any serious disciplinary incident that would result in an out of school suspension or expulsion as determined by the Superintendent;*
- 3) Avoid any action that results in an arrest.*

*If the Student violates any of the conditions of this probationary period, the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the remaining term of her expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board.*

*Lastly, the Student may seek an expungement through the process outlined in state law and Board policy.*

Seconded by Dr. Brogis. Approved 3-1 (Hoehne in dissent).

3. Mr. Vergaro moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Traub. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55PM.