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### **Torrington Board of Education Special Meeting Discussion of Confidential Student Matter Tuesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m. 355 Migeon Avenue**

Board Members Present: Edward Corey, Ellen Hoehne, John Kissko, Jessica Richardson, Peter Vergaro

1. Call to Order – Approximately 5:34PM
2. Motion to go into executive session to discuss a confidential student matter, 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

Michael McKeon, Attorney for the Administration

Andrew Skarzynski, Principal

Dr. Jeffrey Shannon, Assistant Principal

Student who is the subject of the hearing and his mother

Approximately 6:20PM – Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter.

Approximately 6:30PM – Meeting resumes. 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 13, 2018, engage in the unauthorized possession and distribution of a controlled substance on school grounds. Such conduct violated publicized policies of the Board, endangered persons, and was seriously disruptive of the educational process. As a result of the above findings, the Torrington Board of Education concludes that the student who is the subject of this*

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*hearing did commit an expellable offense.*

Seconded by Mr. Kissko. All in favor.

Motion to go into executive session made by Mr. Vergaro, seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor.

Moved that the Board enter executive session to discuss a confidential student matter. The Board invited the individuals above.

Approximately 6:40 PM – Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter.

Approximately 6:45PM – Meeting resumes. 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, April 13, 2018. 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 school sponsored events and activities except for his participation in the alternative educational opportunity provided by the Superintendent of Schools.*

Seconded by Mr. Kissko. All in favor.

3. Mr. Vergaro moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:46.