



Torrington Public Schools

FIONA CAPPABIANCA
CHAIRPERSON

DENISE L. CLEMONS
SUPERINTENDENT

**Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Discussion of a Confidential Student Matter
Thursday, April 27, 2017, 5:30PM
355 Migeon Avenue**

Minutes

Board Members: Fiona Cappabianca (chair), Ellen Hoehne, Peter Vergaro, Wendy Pataky

1. Meeting called to order. Approximately 5:45PM
2. Motion to go into executive session made by P.Vergaro, seconded by E. 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

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

Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter.
Approximately 6:05PM

Meeting resumes. All meeting participants return. Approximately 6:15PM.

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 March 30, 2017, threaten other students or act in a manner that could be construed as threatening other students which had the potential to create a safety hazard for the school community. Such conduct violated a publicized policy of the Board 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 hearing did commit an expellable offense.

Seconded by Ms. Cappabianca. All in favor.

3. Motion to go into executive session made by Mr. Vergaro, seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor. Approximately 6:20PM

Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter. Approximately 7:00PM

Meeting resumes. All meeting participants return. Approximately 7:24 p.m.

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 which occurred on March 31, 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 school-sponsored events and activities, except for educational purposes, as directed by the Administration.

During the expulsion period, the Student shall receive an alternative educational opportunity as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

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.*
- 4) Two weeks before the possible readmission, the Student's family presents a physician's statement stating the Student presents no danger to himself or to others.*

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;*

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on May 17, 2017.

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.

4) Meet with a school counselor on a regular basis.

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.

Seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor.

4. Vergaro moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned approximately 7:30PM.