



Torrington Public Schools

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DENISE L. CLEMONS
SUPERINTENDENT

**Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Discussion of a Confidential Student Matter
Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 5:00PM
355 Migeon Avenue**

Minutes

Board Members: Ellen Hoehne, Peter Vergaro, Wendy Pataky

1. Meeting called to order. Approximately 5:10PM
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 step-father

Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter.
Approximately 5:50PM.

Meeting resumes. All meeting participants return. Approximately 6:02PM.

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, purchased and consumed a controlled substance on school grounds. Such conduct violated a publicized policy of the Board, endangered persons or property, and was seriously disruptive of the educational process. As a result of the above findings, the Torrington Board of Education

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on June 21, 2017

concludes that the student who is the subject of this hearing did commit an expellable offense.

Seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor.

3. Motion to go into executive session made by Mr. Vergaro, seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor. Approximately 6:05PM

Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Jessica Ritter. Approximately 6:25 p.m.

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, until April 24, 2018, and that the student be provided an alternative educational program to be determined by the Administration. 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 determined by the Administration.

Seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor.

4. Mr. Vergaro moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned approximately 6:38PM.