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### **Torrington Board of Education Special Meeting Discussion of Confidential Student Matter Monday, April 23, 5:30 p.m. 355 Migeon Avenue**

Board Members Present: Fiona Cappabianca, Ellen Hoehne, John Kissko, Molly Spino, Peter Vergaro

1. Call to Order – 5:40PM
2. Motion to go into executive session to discuss a confidential student matter, Ms Hoehne, seconded by Ms. Spino. All in favor.

The Board entered into executive session at 5:41PM. The Board invited the following individuals (in addition to Board members and Board counsel, Richard Mills) into the executive session:

Denise Clemons, Superintendent  
Andrew Skarzynski, Principal  
Robin Ledversis, Assistant Principal  
Stephen Sedor, Attorney for the Administration  
Student who is the subject of the hearing and the student's aunt

6:02PM –The Board excused everyone for deliberations except Board counsel, Richard Mills.

6:14PM – The Board returned to open session. Mr. Vergaro read the following proposed motion:

*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 12, 2018 engage in the following conduct: recorded a sexual act involving another student and posted a video of that act to social media. 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 hearing did commit an expellable offense.*

Above motion made by Ms. Hoehne, seconded by Ms. Spino. All in favor.

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Motion to go into executive session to discuss a confidential student matter, by Ms. Hoehne, seconded by Ms. Spino. All in favor.

6:16PM – The Board entered into executive session. The Board invited the same individuals as set forth above for the preceding executive session.

6:43PM – Everyone excused for Board deliberations, except for Board counsel, Richard Mills.

6:50PM – The Board returned to open session. Mr. Vergaro read the following proposed motion:

*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 12, 2018. During the expulsion period, the student shall receive an alternative educational opportunity in accordance with applicable law. 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, with the sole exception of his alternative educational opportunity.*

Above motion made by Ms. Hoehne, seconded by Ms. Spino. All in favor.

3. Motion to adjourn the hearing, by Ms. Hoehne, seconded by Ms Spino. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.