

Torrington Public Schools

FIONA CAPPABIANCA CHAIRPERSON DENISE L. CLEMONS SUPERINTENDENT

Special Meeting of the Board of Education Discussion of a Confidential Student Matter Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 6:00PM 355 Migeon Avenue

Minutes

Board Members: Fiona Cappabianca (chair), Armand Maniccia, Peter Vergaro, Wendy Pataky

- 1. Meeting called to order. Approximately 5:55PM
- 2. Motion to go into executive session made by P.Vergaro, seconded by A. Maniccia. 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

Mark Sommaruga, Attorney for the Administration

Mary Ann Buchanan, Principal

Kelly Gallulo, Assistant 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 6:14PM

Meeting resumes. All meeting participants return. Approximately 6:22PM.

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 May 31, 2017 and/or June 1, 2017, engage in the following conduct: possessed deadly weapons on school grounds. This conduct endangered persons and property, was seriously disruptive of the educational process, violated publicized policies of the Board of

Education and constitutes an expellable offense.

3. Motion to go into executive session made by P.Vergaro, seconded by A. Maniccia. All in favor.

Move that the Board enter executive session to discuss a confidential student matter.

The Board invited the individuals above.

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

Meeting resumes. All meeting participants return. Approximately 6:50PM.

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, June 1, 2017. During the period of 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 to participate in the alternative educational program, as determined by the Administration.

Seconded by W. Pataky. All in favor.

4. P. Vergaro moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Maniccia. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned approximately 6:54PM.