REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING December 17, 2018

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on December 17 2018, in the Central Office. Board of Education Chairman, Joanne Nesti called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

Members present: Eileen Blewett, Peter Sonski, Suzanne Sack and Joanne Nesti

Also present: Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Donna Hayward, Principal Haddam-Killingworth High School, Sheila Ward Asst. Principal Haddam-Killingworth High School, Pamela Hensel, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, student and student's parent.

At 12:40 p.m. Mr. Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Ms. Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** the Expulsion Committee of the Board of Education enter Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing.

At 2:21 p.m. Ms. Suzanne Sack **MOVED** and Ms. Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion the Board return to public session. *Motion passed unanimously*.

At 2:25 p.m. Ms. Eileen Blewett MOVED and Mr. Peter Sonski SECONDED that the Regional School District No.17 Board of Education finds, Regional School District No.17 Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that on 12/04/2018 student 2172018 violated Board Policy # 5131.d; was found to be in possession of marijuana; and, thus is an expellable offense. The Board of Education moves that the Student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth High School for 180 days. However, if the Student agrees to and completes, where appropriate, all of the following conditions, as determined by the Administration, the expulsion shall be held in abeyance and the student shall return to school on first day of the second semester.

1. Student shall complete and submit his record of required 30 hours of community service as approved by HKHS administration.

- 2. Student shall participate in at least 2 counseling sessions per month outside school related to substance abuse, his decision making and coping skills throughout the period of expulsion as arranged by his family.
- 3. Student and HKHS guidance counselor are required to meet a minimum of once per week for the remainder of the school year regarding academic progress and needs.
- 4. Student shall make academic progress toward graduation throughout the period of expulsion.
- 5. Student is required to satisfactory complete all first semester academic requirements before returning to school.
- 6. Student will submit to and pass a monthly drug test.
- 7. Upon return student is required to maintain good attendance.

The student must make a good faith effort to attend school and class on time, complete all assignments and make good educational progress;

Provided that following any such readmission, if the Administration determines that the Student has failed to satisfy any of the conditions set forth in this motion or has committed any suspendable or expellable offense during the expulsion period, the Administration shall reinstate the expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion period, without any further proceedings before the Board.

During any period of expulsion or during any subsequent reinstatement of the expulsion the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be provided an alternative educational opportunity by the Regional School District No. 17 Public Schools. Transportation for tutoring will not be provided by the District. During the expulsion period, the Student will not be allowed to enter

any school property and/or participate in any school-sponsored events, and activities, except to comply with the above conditions. Motion passed unanimously.

At 2:30 p.m. Mr. Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Ms. Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** that the meeting be adjourned. *Motion passed unanimously*.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pamela L. Hensel

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Approval:

Eileen Blewett, Secretary

Date