## REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING May 9, 2022

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 9, 2022, via Google Meets Video Conference. Board of Education Member, Shawna Goldfarb called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Members present: Brenda Buzzi, Corey Roberts, and Shawna Goldfarb

Also present: Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Wihbey, Principal, Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal, Adam Apicella, RSD 17 Attorney, Floyd Dugas, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Pamela Hensel, student and students' parents.

At 12:32 p.m. Ms. Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Ms. Corey Roberts **SECONDED** the Board of Education enter Executive Session for discussion of a confidential student matter. *Motion passed unanimously*. Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Wihbey, Principal, Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal, Adam Apicella, RSD 17 Attorney, Floyd Dugas, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Pamela Hensel, student and students' parents were all invited into Executive Session.

At 2:26 p.m. Ms. Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Ms. Corey Roberts **SECONDED** a motion the Board return to public session. *Motion passed unanimously*.

At 2:27 p.m. Ms. Brenda Buzzi MOVED and Ms. Corey Roberts SECONDED that the

Regional School District No.17 Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record of this hearing, that on April 8, 2022 student 5.9.22 violated Board Policy # 5131.d; #15 and #17; and, thus is an expellable offense. The Board of Education moves that the student shall be expelled from Haddam-Killingworth High School for One Calendar Year. However, if the Student agrees to and completes, where appropriate, all of the following conditions, as determined by the Administration, the student shall be eligible to return to school on the beginning of the second semester.

- 1. Student shall participate in counseling outside school as arranged by his family for the duration of the expulsion period and provide evidence thereof.
- 2. Student shall make academic progress throughout the period of expulsion.
- 3. Student will submit to and pass a monthly drug test for the duration of the expulsion conducted by an outside lab.

- 4. Random cell phone searches during the period of expulsion.
- 5. 100 Hours of Community Service outside of the Haddam Killingworth High School
- 6. The student shall engage in no other conduct which could result in suspension or expulsion under Board of Education Policies.

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.

At 2:33 p.m. Ms. Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Ms. Corey Roberts **SECONDED** the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Paynela L. Hensel		
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent	Approval:	
	Joel D'Angelo, Secretary	
	Date	