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**Burlington Board of School Commissioners Board Training Retreat  
Minutes**

***Sponsored by the Diversity & Equity Committee of the Board***

**South Burlington Community Justice Center, 19 Gregory Dr., S.  
Burlington, VT  
November 7, 2017, 6 PM**

Attending Board Members: Chair Mark Porter; Mark Barlow; Susanmarie Harrington; Anne Judson; Stephanie Seguino; Ryan McClaren; Jeff Wick; David Kirk; Kat Kleman; Liz Curry; Kathy Olwell

Absent: 0

District Administration: Superintendent Obeng

Guests: Lisa Bedinger & John Kidde, So. Burlington CJC; Rachel Jolly, Burlington CJC

1. Chair Porter called the meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
  - A. *Motion to Approve Agenda ( Commissioner Harrington/Commissioner McClaren)*
3. Public Comment/Questions
  - A. Comments/Questions from the Public - none
  - B. Board Reflection - none
4. Board Training

The South Burlington and Burlington Community Justice Center staff delivered a training to the Board in Restorative Practices. The training is also being delivered to District administration, teachers and staff
5. Executive Session
  - A. *Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining planning where premature disclosure could place the School District at a substantial disadvantage and to discuss a personnel matter. (Commissioner Judson/Commissioner Barlow )*

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Discussion: Commissioner Wick commented that he did not believe executive session is the correct forum for the content/subject associated with the restorative practices exercise being led by the CJC.

Chair Porter indicated that the purpose of executive session was to provide an opportunity for people to share freely information about what went right and what went wrong during contract negotiations, and that since the Contract has not been signed, this information should be in executive session. There was also a need for confidentiality to ensure the fidelity of the restorative practices exercise.

The group discussed the need for confidentiality and agreed that people could avoid discussing contract-related content. The CJC staff explained that the exercise would address the confidentiality issue.

Commissioner Judson withdrew the motion and the Board continued with its restorative practices exercise in open session.

- B. *The motion to enter Executive Session was made again, at 8:58 p.m., following the restorative practices exercise, to discuss collective bargaining planning where premature disclosure could place the School District at a substantial disadvantage and to discuss a personnel matter. (Commissioner Judson/Commissioner Barlow )*

*Unanimously approved*

*Motion to Exit Executive Session (Commissioner Harrington / Commissioner Seguino)*

*Unanimously approved*

## 7. Adjournment

- A. *Motion to Adjourn (Commissioner Kleman/ Commissioner Kirk)*

Respectfully submitted by: Liz Curry, Board Clerk

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